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YOU ARE THE BEAST KNIGHTS !!

TO SURVIVE TODAY AND TO LIVE PAST TOMORROW
LEVERAGE YOUR DESTINY AND TALENT AS BEST AS YOU CAN
THAT IS WHO YOU ARE

YOU WILL BITE THEM
THERE ARE THOSE WHO WISH OUR DEMISE
SWALLOW THEM

DEVOUR THEM!!

YES!!!

SNAKE KNIGHT
HAKUDOU YAYOI
SHEA MOON

HORSE KNIGHT
NAGUMO SOUICHIROU
DANCE DARK

CROW KNIGHT
SHINONOME MIKAZUKI
MUU

TORTOISE KNIGHT
TSUKISHIRO YUKIMACHI
RON YUE

ROOSTER KNIGHT
HOSHIKAWA SUBARU
LEE SOLIEL

BLACK CAT KNIGHT
SHIMAKI HYOU
COO RITTER

MANTIS KNIGHT
SORANO HANAKO
KIRU SONNE

MOUSE KNIGHT
KUSAKABE TAROU
LANCE LUMIERE

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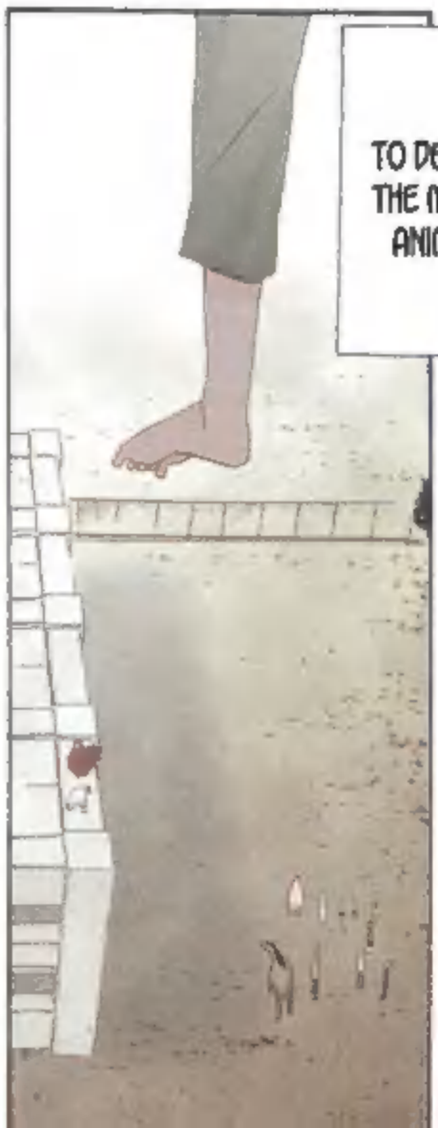

TO DEFEAT THE MAGE, ANIMUS

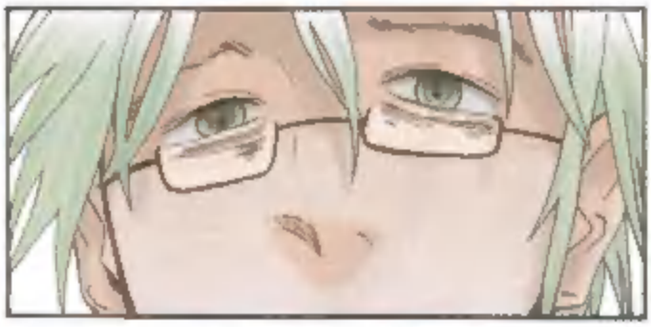
MAGE
ANIMUS

TO PROTECT THE EARTH FROM THE DOOMSDAY WEAPON, THE BISCUIT HAMMER

TO FULFILL THEIR DESIRES

ASSEMBLED UNDER PRINCESS ANIMA

IN EARLY JULY, THE TEN SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE BEAST KNIGHTS



CHAPTER 2: HAKUDOU YAYOI AND THE [illegible] KNIGHT

I, RADICAL MARIE WILL DEFEAT YOU!!

IT'S A SHOW-DOWN, MAGICAL MARY!!

LABEL: SAIKYOU (STRONGEST)

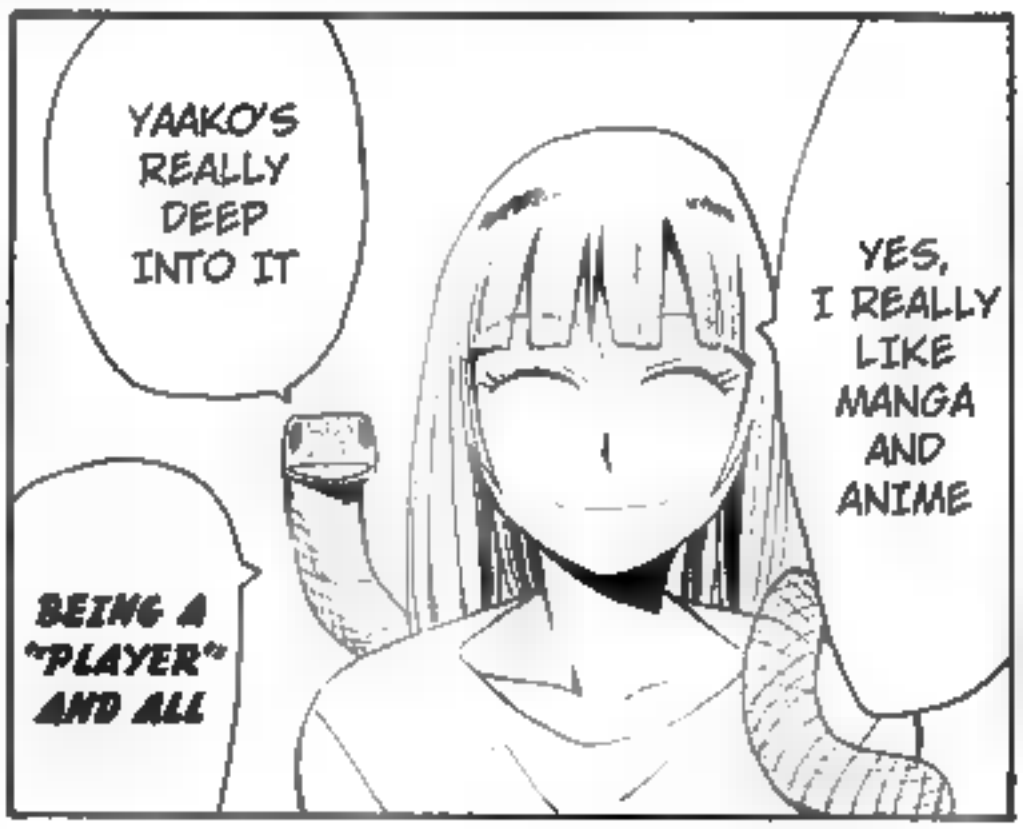
GRRR RORRR

UH... WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT...

MARY, DON'T BE PROVOKED BY HER

WATCH THESE KIND OF THINGS
BUT I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT THAT YOU

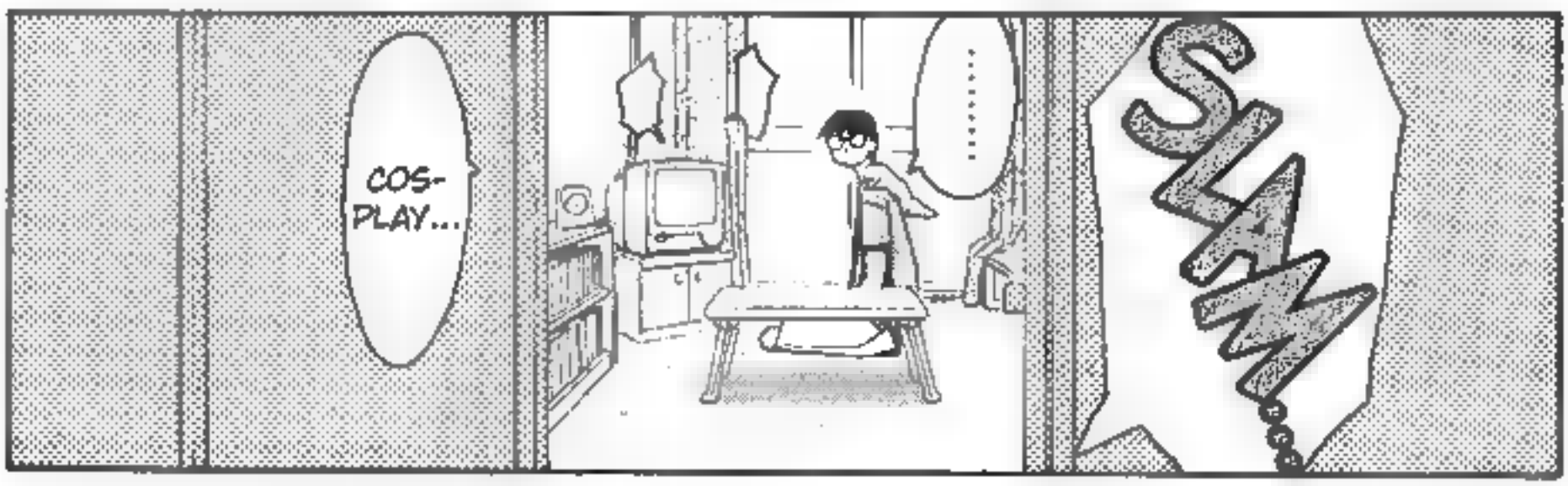
THANK YOU FOR LENDING THESE TO ME
WELL, THIS IS EPISODES 27 UNTIL 39~

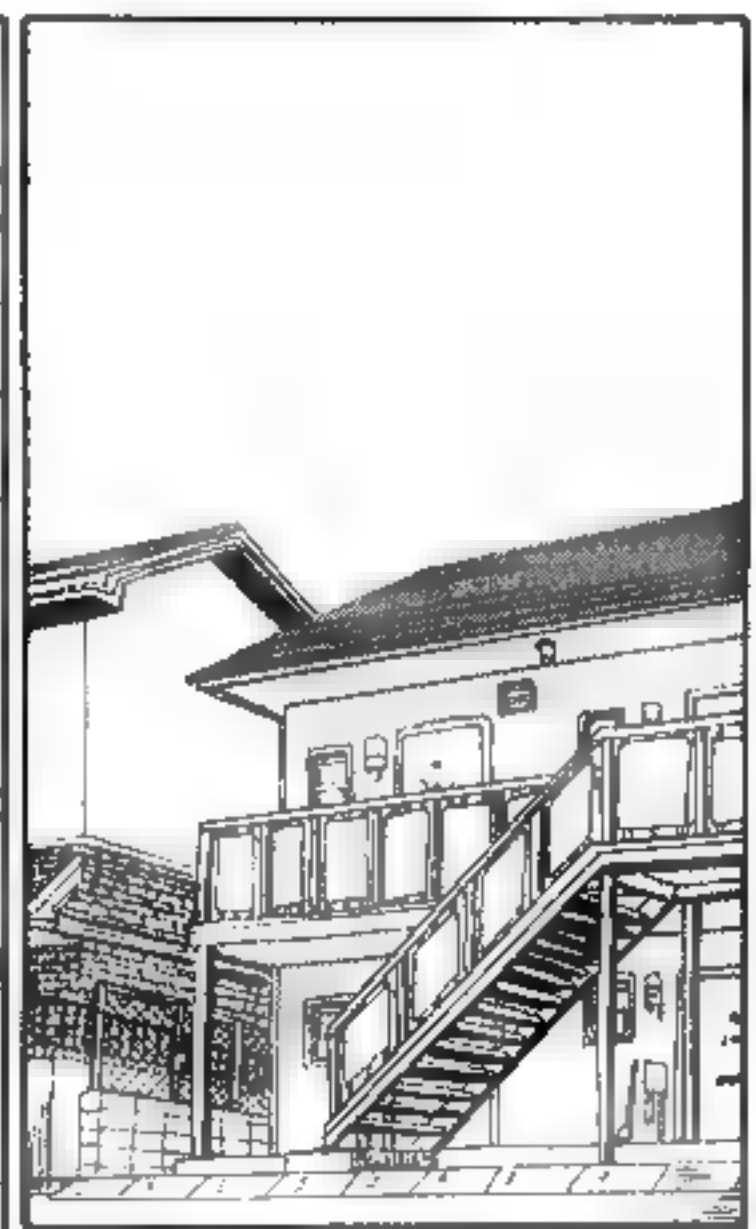

YAAKO'S REALLY DEEP INTO IT
YES, I REALLY LIKE MANGA AND ANIME
BEING A "PLAYER" AND ALL

PLAY ...?
WHAT'S THAT
SHEA!!

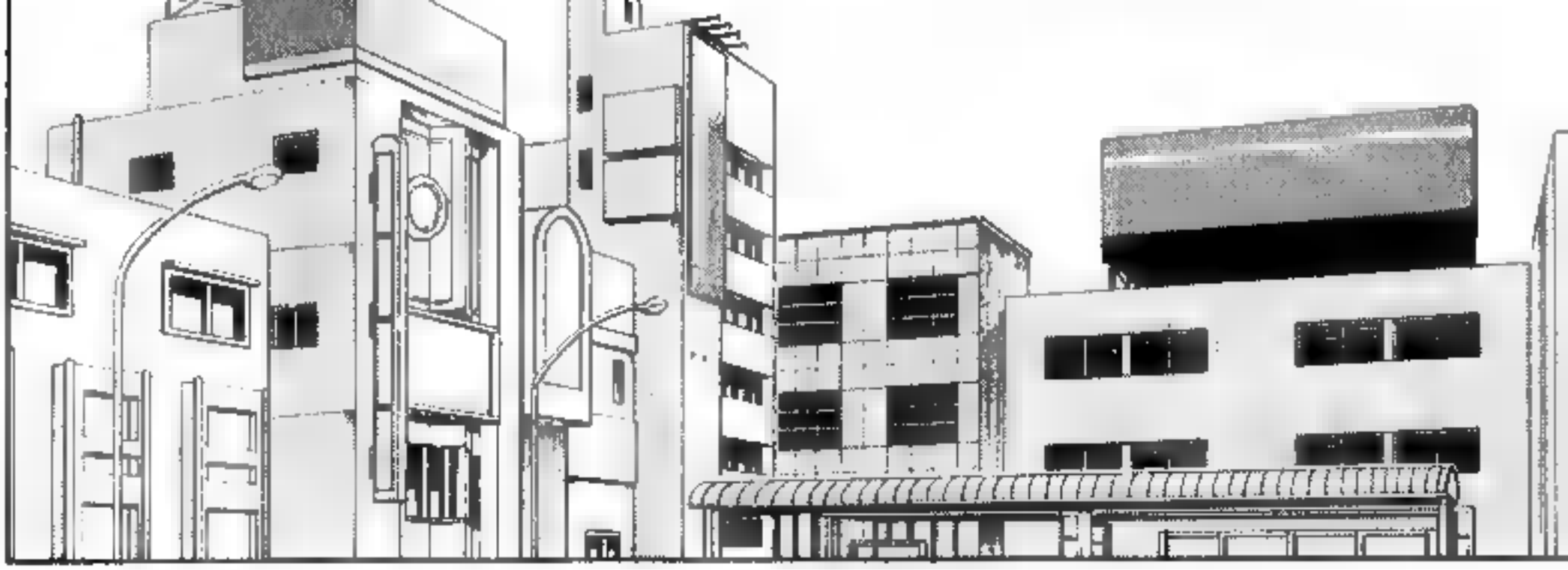
COS-PLAY !?

SHE'S A COS-PLAYER





NOTE: TO GRILL AN EEL THEY STAB A NAIL THROUGH THE HEAD AND TAIL OF A LIVE EEL BEFORE SKINNING AND FLAYING IT.



OH, GOOD AFTERNOON, MIKAZUKI-KUN, SUBARU-CHAN

DATE?
WHY ARE THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER?

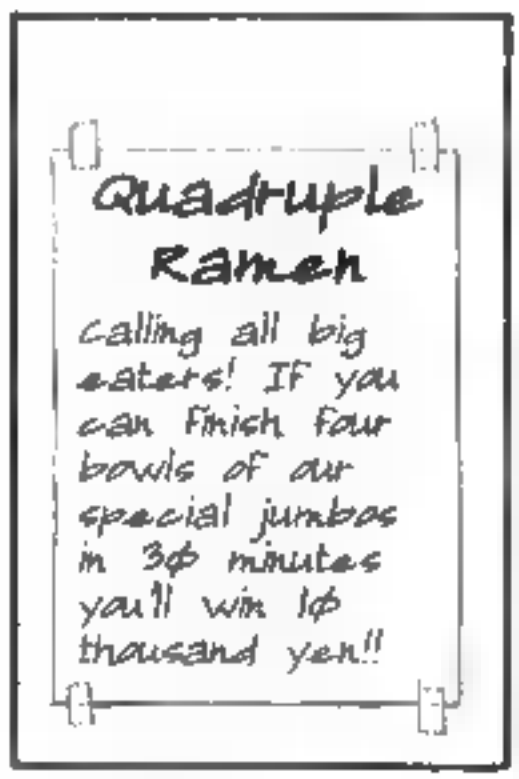
AFTER-NOON BIG SIS
OH, SNAKE KNIGHT
AH, ERR... HAKUDOU-SAN

AND SHE TAGGED ALONG
AH-SHAD-DAP
I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR THE MAGE

NEVER! IF HE WANTED HER, HE'D HAVE TO PRY HER FROM MY COLD DEAD WINGS...!
DA...!? NO...

AND WHERE'S THE OTHER GIRL TODAY? TORTOISE KNIGHT... TSUKISHIRO YUKIMACHI-CHAN

I'LL DEFEAT THE MAGE MYSELF!
I WANT TO AVENGE MASTER'S DEATH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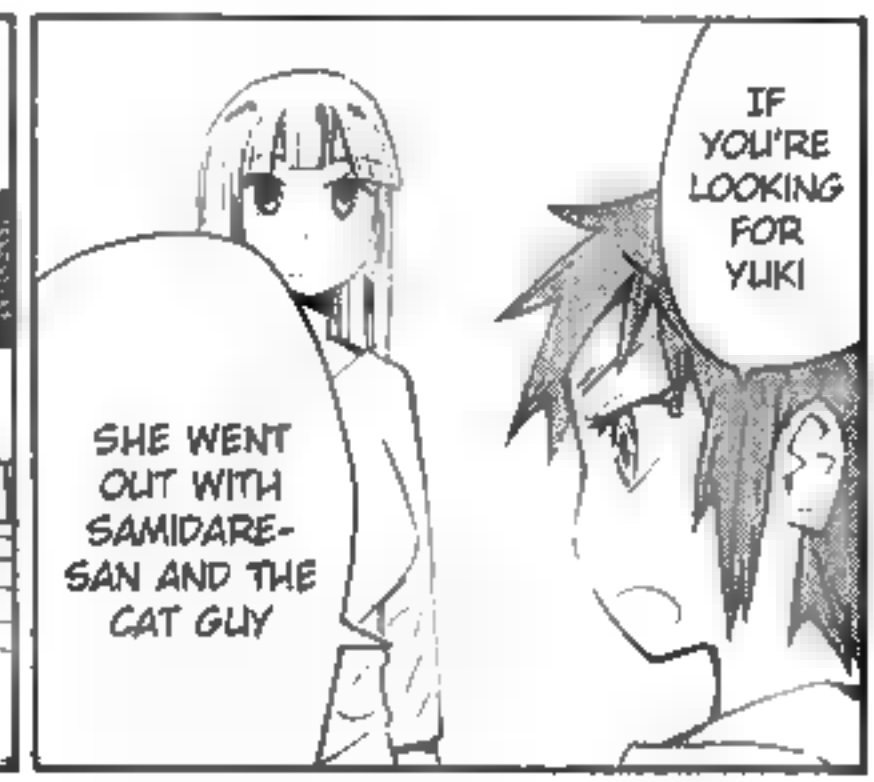
Calling all big eaters! If you can finish four bowls of our special jumbos in 30 minutes you'll win 10 thousand yen!!


SHE WENT OUT WITH SAMIDARE-SAN AND THE CAT GUY
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YUKI

These 2 not eligible
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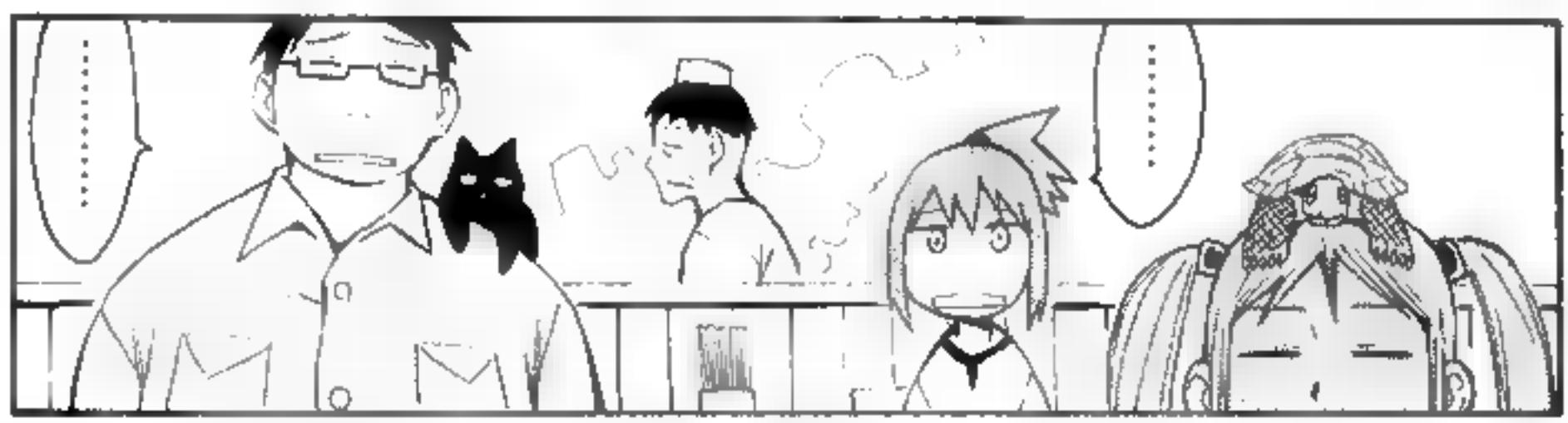
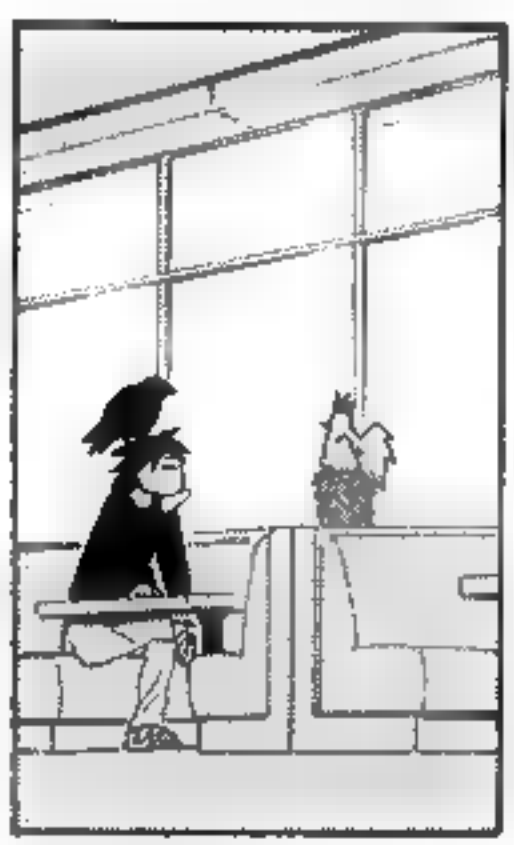
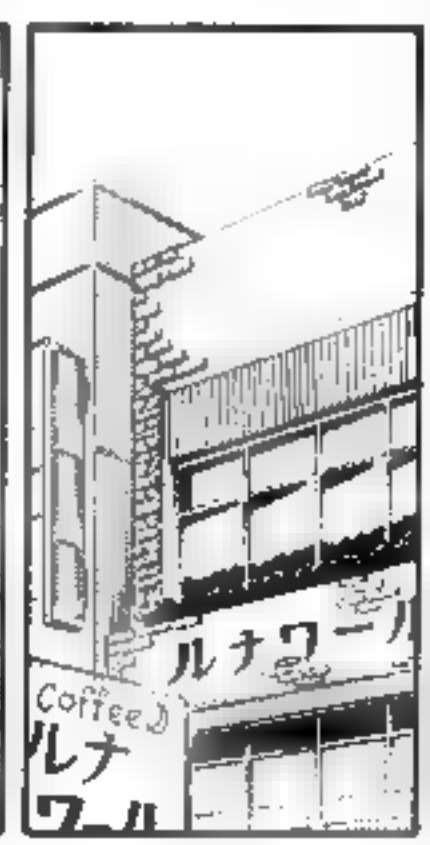
Calling all big eaters! If you can finish four bowls of our special jumbos in 30 minutes you'll win 10 thousand yen!!






Coffee
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ERR, I'M A SMALL EATER SO...
...WELL?

AS IF I'D MAKE A KID PAY. IT'S MY TREAT
ORDER WHAT-EVER YOU WANT
LEE!

YOU PAY!!
ERR.. I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY...

.....
PEEK
MENU

D, DEAL
IN EXCHANGE, YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME LOOK FOR THE MAGE

I THINK THEY'LL BE FINE. BESIDES, THE MAGE SAID "I'M GIVING YOU SOME TIME"
I WONDER IF THOSE TWO WILL BE OK

SFX: RUSTLE
KANAMARI-SA~N, ARE YOU THERE?
IT'S ME HAKUDOU. I'VE COME

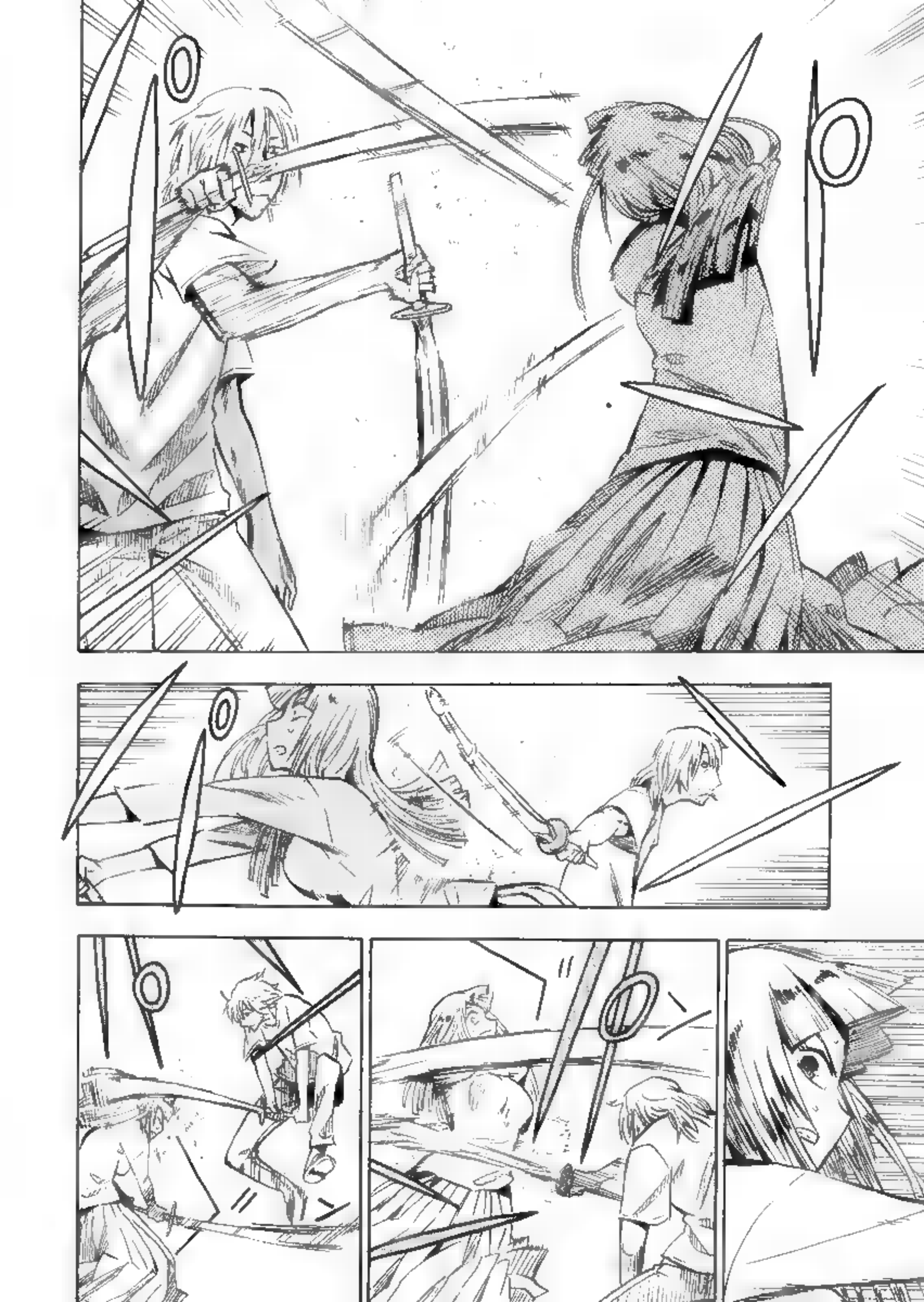
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
WHAT... YOU CAME AGAIN?

LET'S BEGIN
TAP
TAP

OK, WHEN-EVER YOU'RE READY

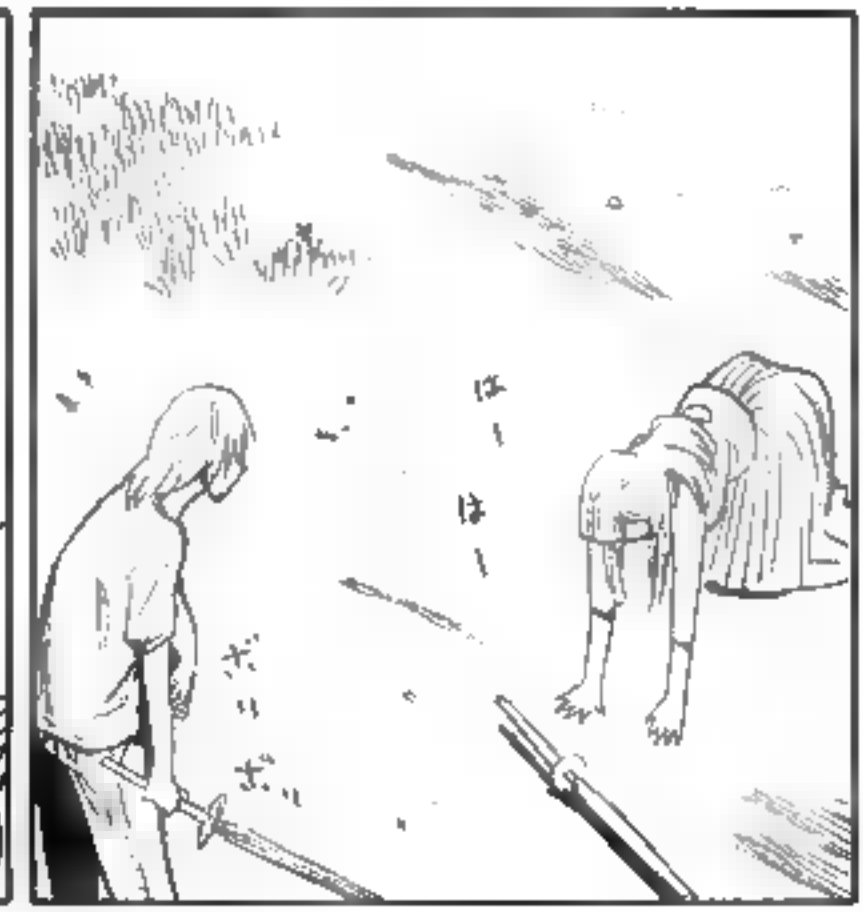
OK

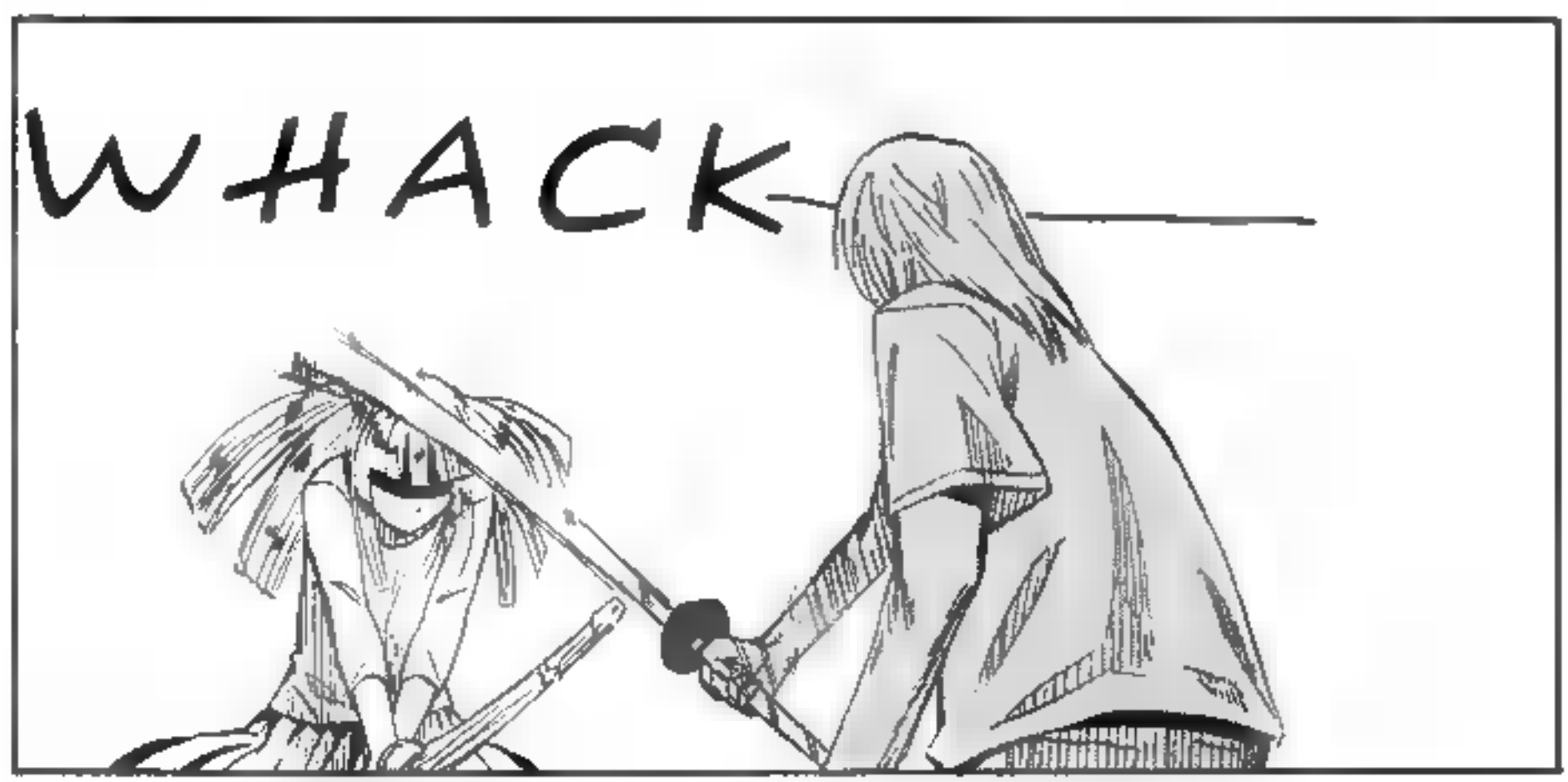
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
TAKING A DUMP

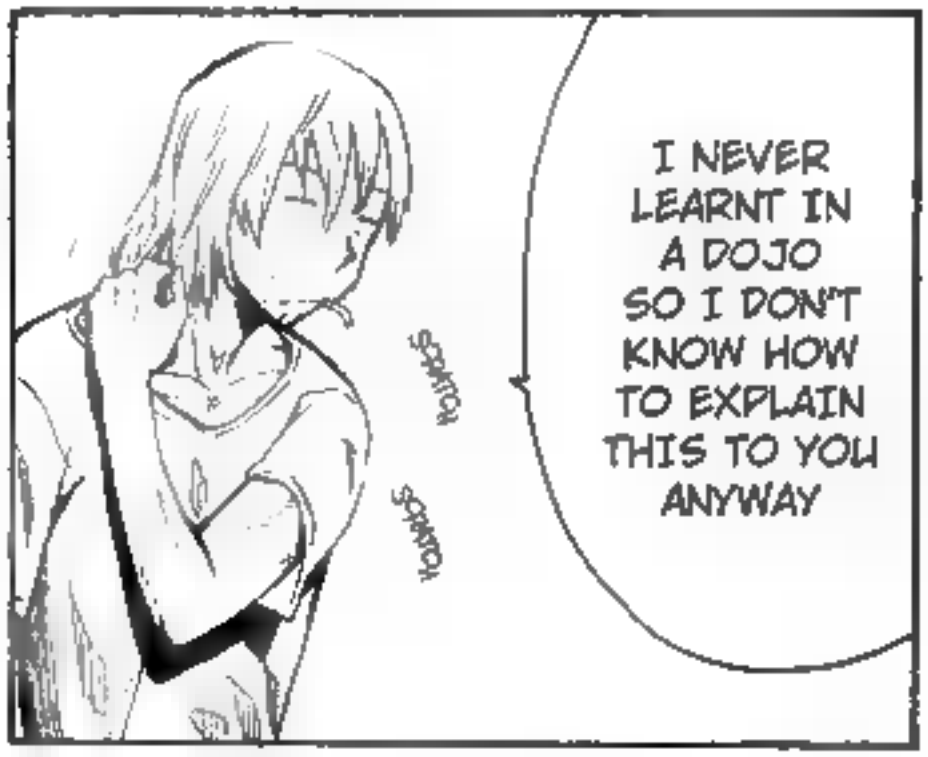


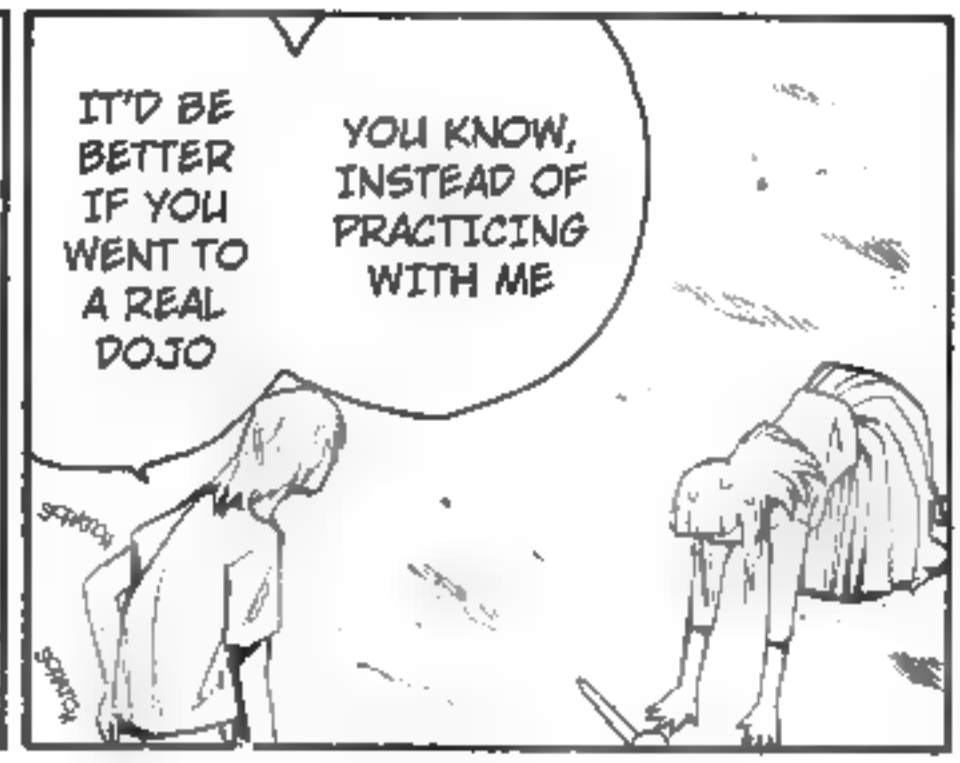
PRACTIC-ING YOUR REAC-TIONS?
OK

ER~ THIS TIME COULD YOU ATTACK ME INSTEAD?




WHACK

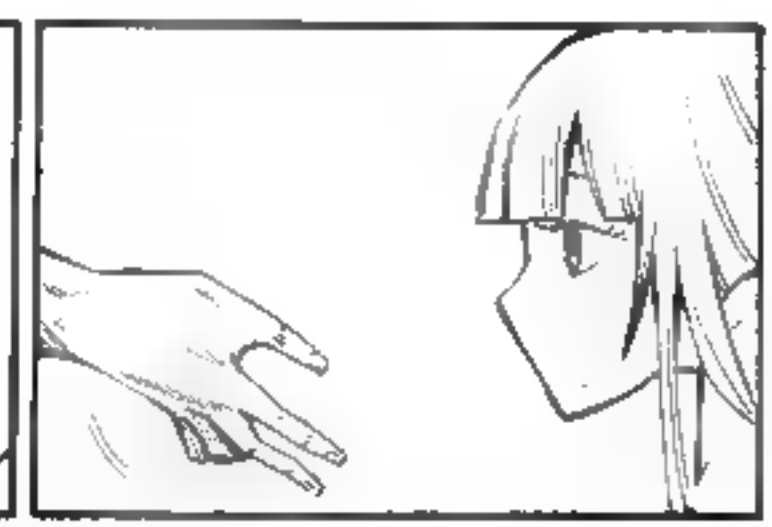

I NEVER LEARNT IN A DOJO SO I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN THIS TO YOU ANYWAY
SCRATCH
SCRATCH


IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU WENT TO A REAL DOJO
YOU KNOW, INSTEAD OF PRACTICING WITH ME
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

A WILD ONE
A PRIMATE OF THE HOMO SAPIEN SPECIES

I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE YOU THE SAME ANSWER.
THAT'S THE 33RD TIME YOU'VE ASKED ME THAT QUESTION
JU... JUST WHO ARE YOU, KANAMARI-SAN?

THANK YOU
...HERE
MY TRAINING FEE. SINCE TODAY'S WAS LESS, 500 YEN WILL DO



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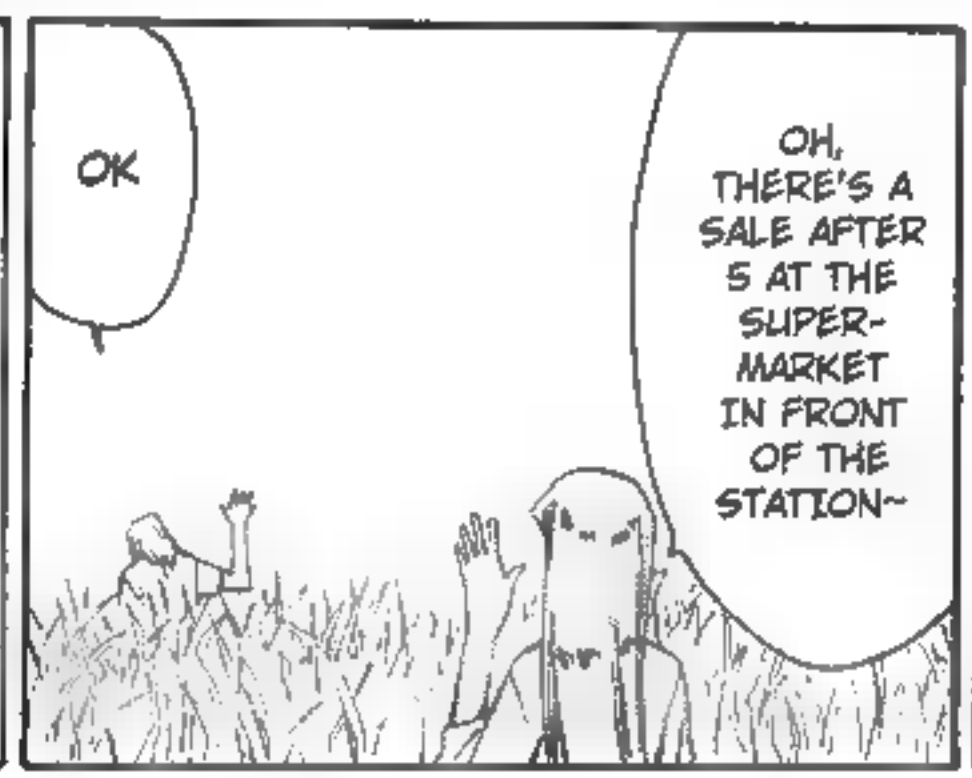
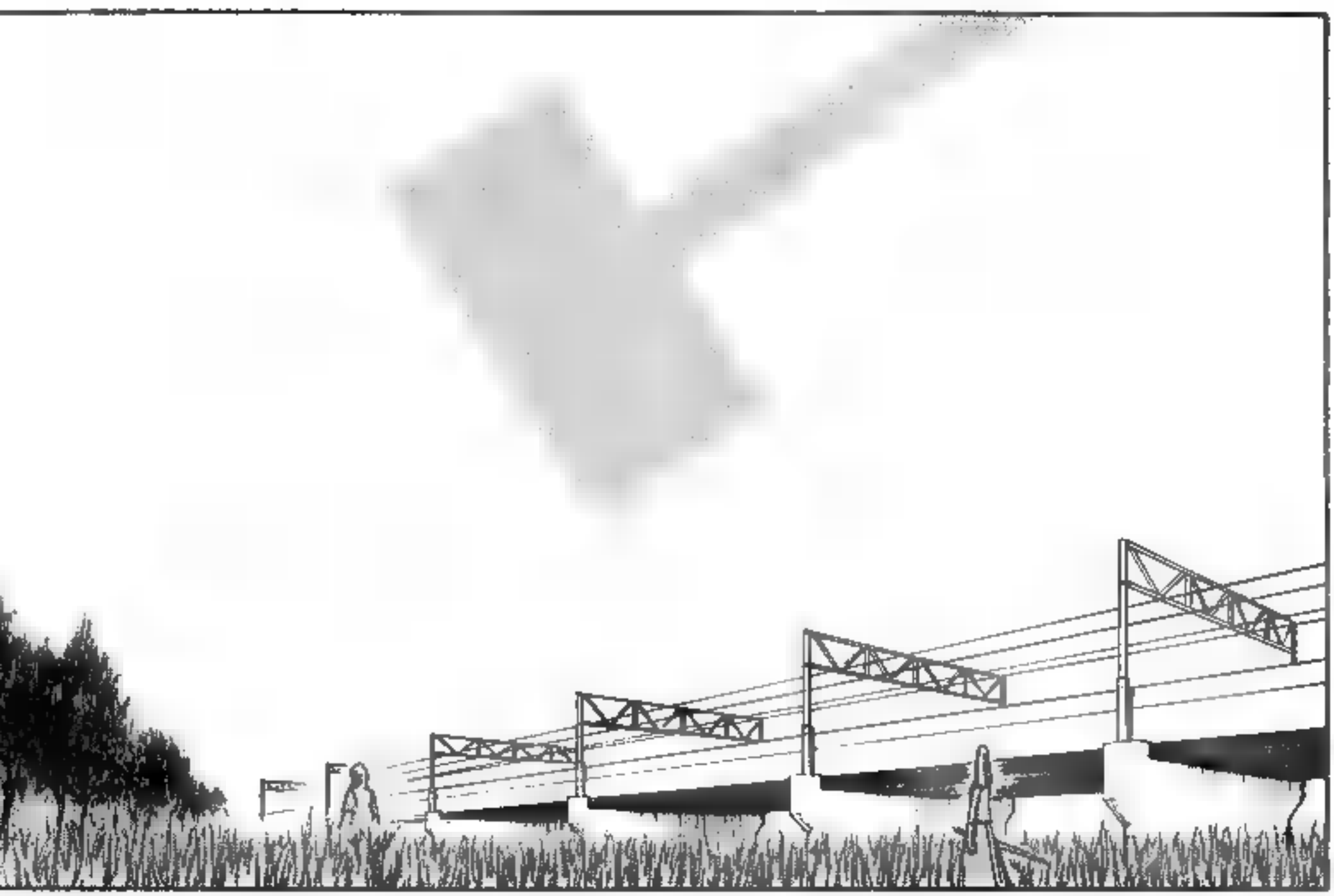
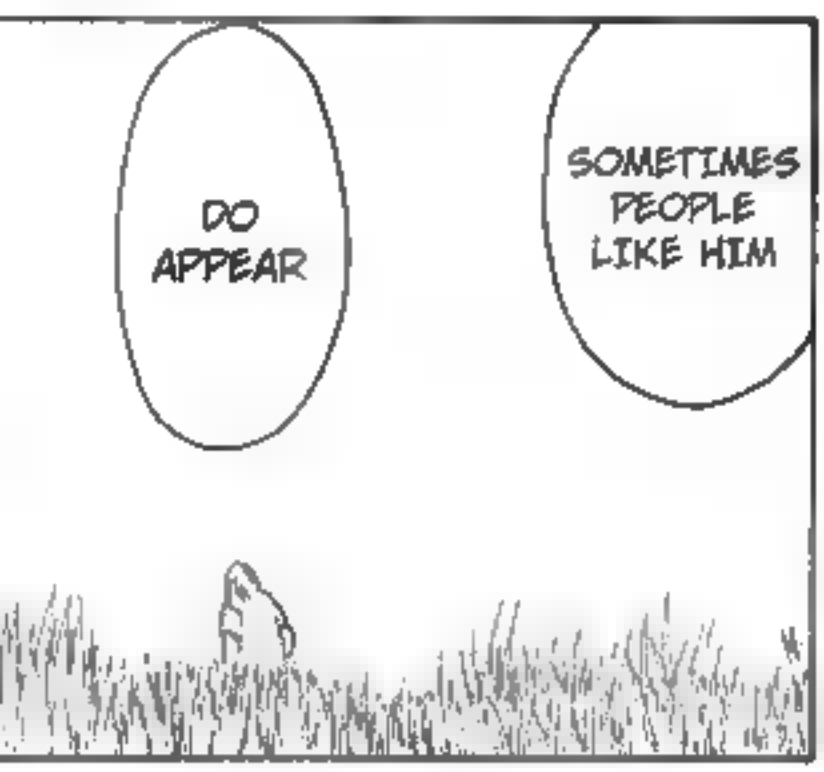

OK
OH, THERE'S A SALE AFTER 5 AT THE SUPER-MARKET IN FRONT OF THE STATION~

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
SEE YA




DO APPEAR
SOMETIMES PEOPLE LIKE HIM

BUT
WHO KNOWS

I WONDER IF HE CAN SEE IT
THE BISCUIT HAMMER...

CLICK

AT THE VERY LEAST, SHOW THEM TO AMAMII

IT'S POINT-LESS

IT'S FINE

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THOSE, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU SHOW THEM TO ANYBODY

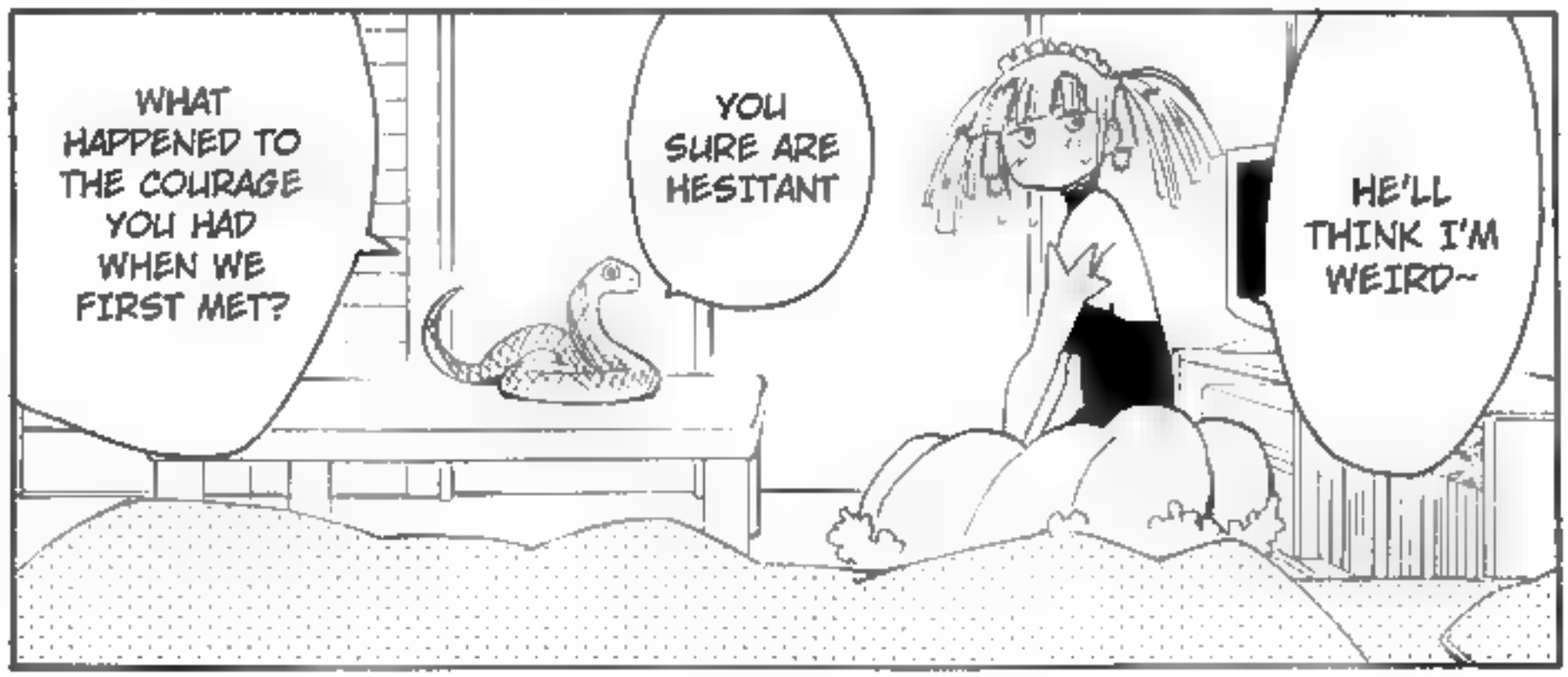
THEY CAME OUT WELL

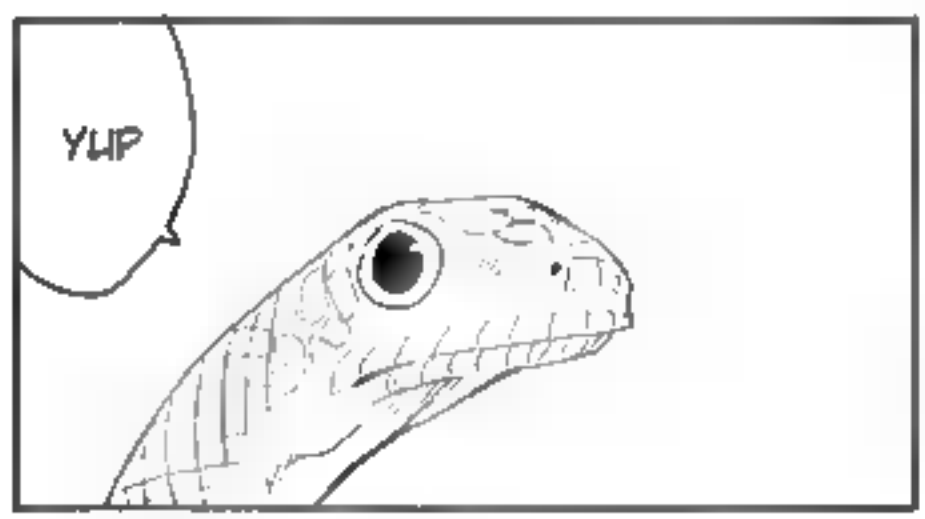
MEH, WHAT-EVER

.....

"WHY"?

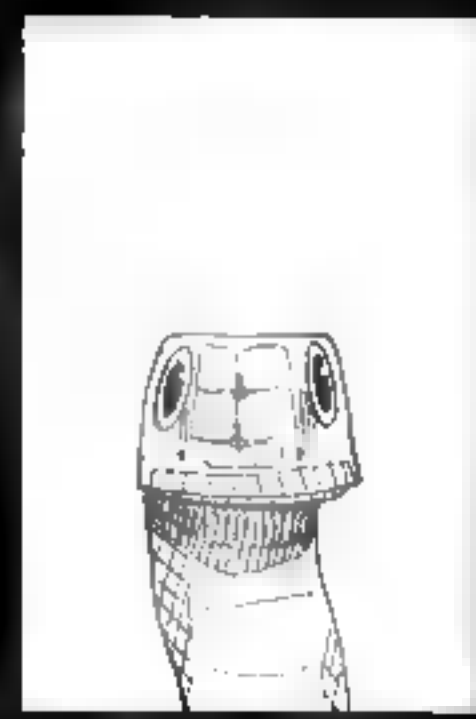
WHY AMAMIYA-KUN...?


WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COURAGE YOU HAD WHEN WE FIRST MET?
YOU SURE ARE HESITANT
HE'LL THINK I'M WEIRD~

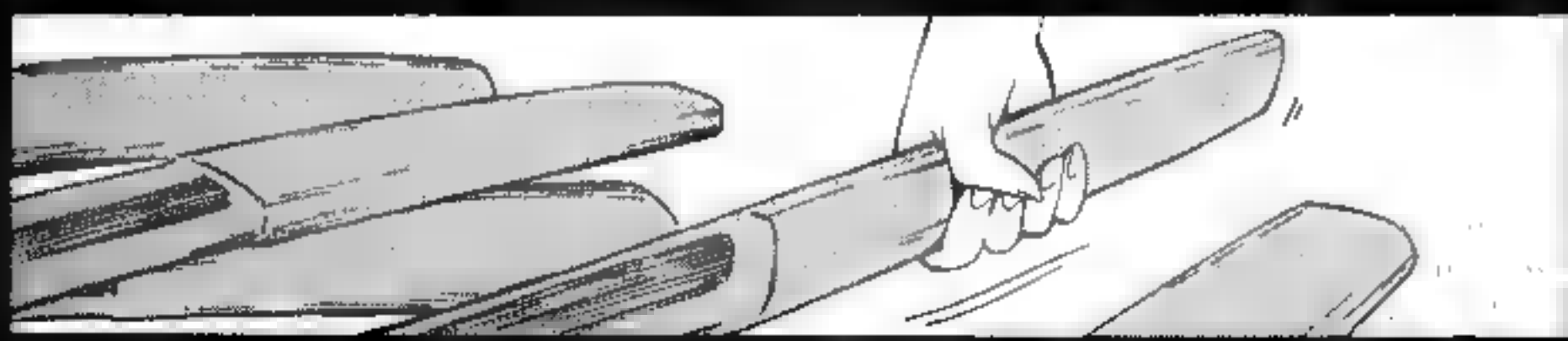

YUP

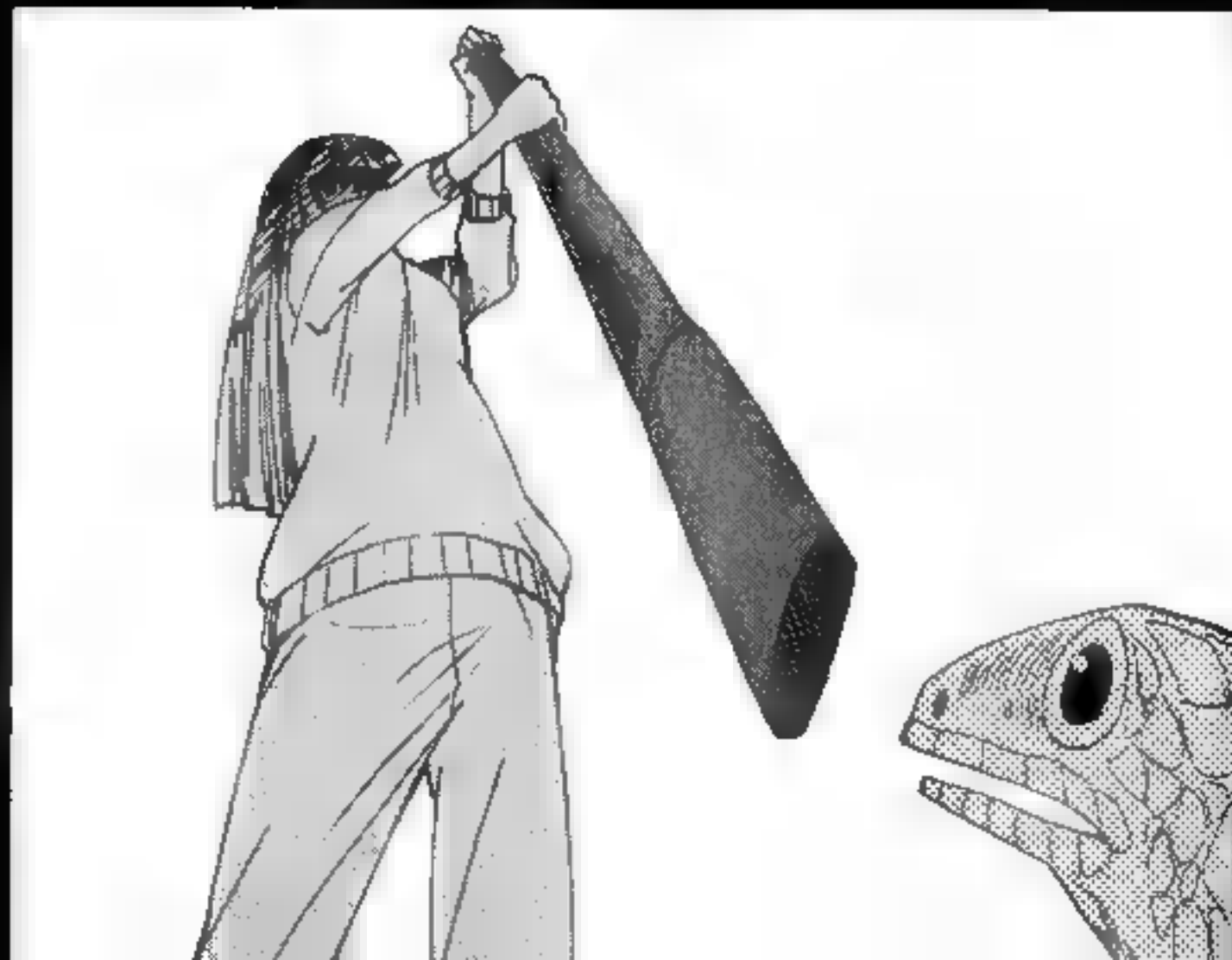
THE FIRST TIME WE MET, HUH...

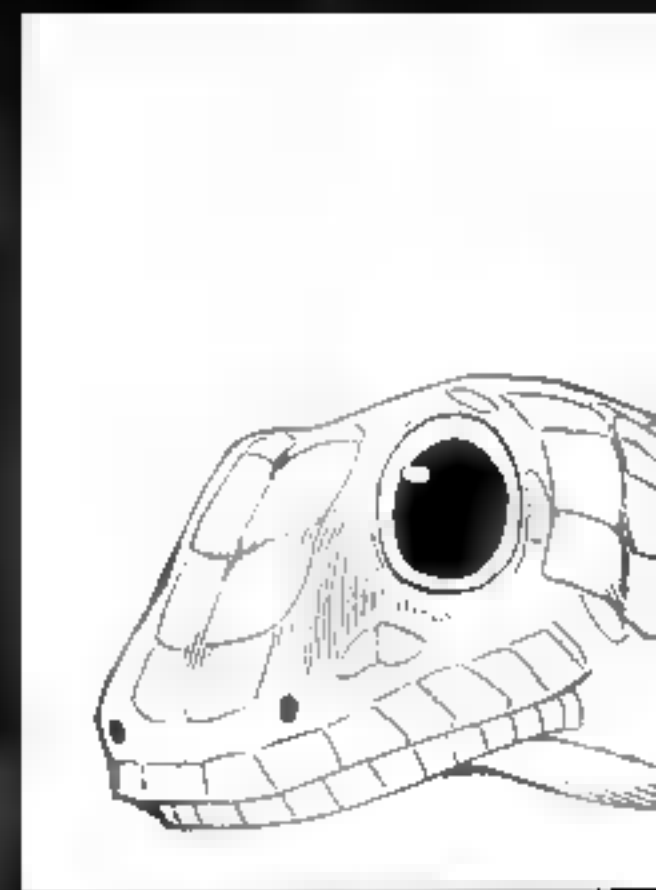
THE BEGINNING OF APRIL



SFX: RATTLE (x4)







WAIT A MOMENT...
ER HEY!
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
I WON'T BITE!!
GRAB
MGYU!
HUH, SHE'S STILL ASLEEP!? WAKE UP!!
SO SNAKES CAN TALK NOWADAYS~ .....
HEY! LISTEN TO ME
SO~ WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME, MR. SNAKE?
RIGHT...
HA
HA

SURE, THAT'S FINE~

I WISH TO BORROW YOUR STRENGTH IN ORDER TO DEFEAT THE MAGE ANIMUS WHO PLANS TO DESTROY THIS PLANET

.....

SERIOUSLY, IT'LL BE A KILL OR BE KILLED FIGHT

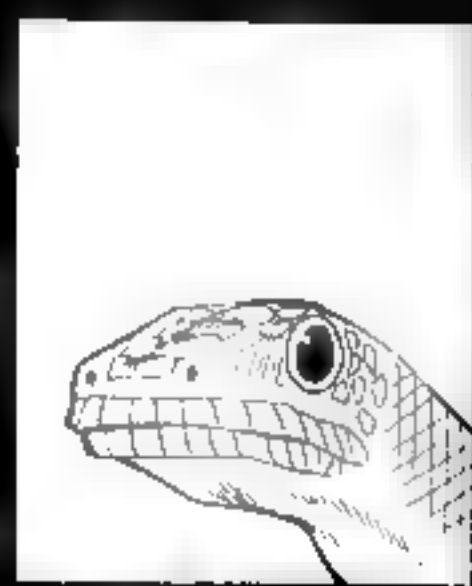
I'LL DO MY BEST~

WE HAVE TO SAVE EARTH, RIGHT?

...HUH? DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I'M SAYING?

OH... RIGHT
WHAT EXACTLY DO I HAVE TO DO?

WELL... IT'S FINE, I GUESS



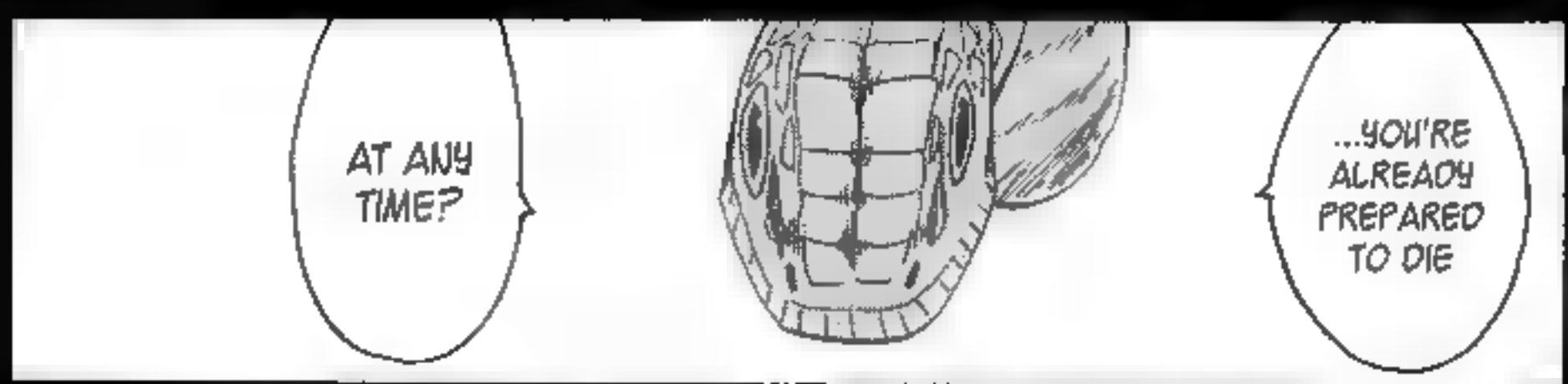
BY THE KNIGHT'S CONTRACT YOU CAN HAVE ONE WISH GRANTED AS A FORM OF REWARD...
AND THEN THE BOSS FOR OUR SIDE IS CALLED PRINCESS ANIMA...
FIRST WE HAVE TO SEARCH FOR OUR COM-PANIONS...
AND THEN THERE IS YOUR POWER, DOMAIN CONTROL...

WHAT?
SO, CAN I HAVE IT IMMEDI-ATELY?
YES, MORE OR LESS
...UNDER-STOOD?
THE WISH

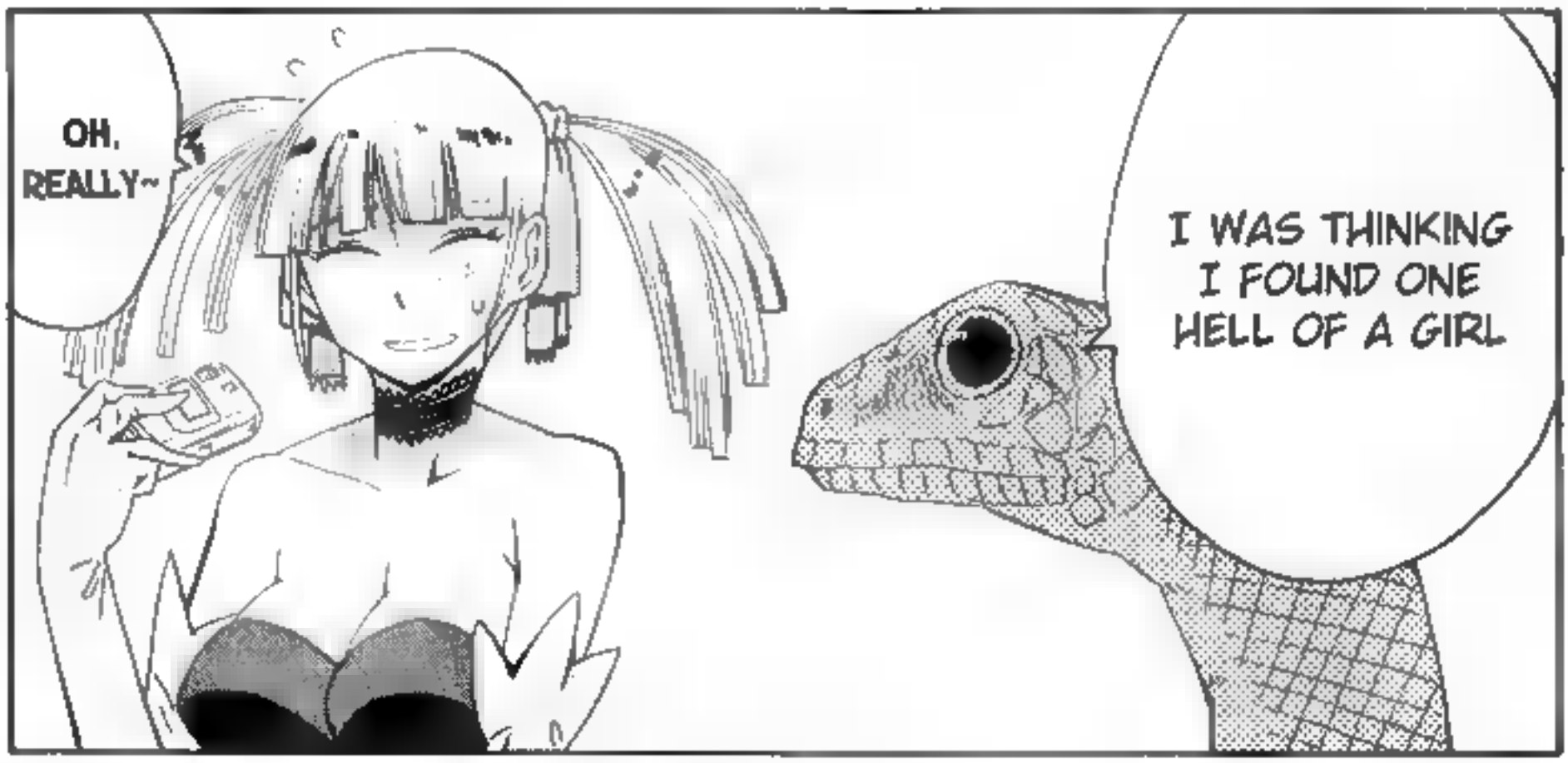
SINCE WE'RE RISKING OUR LIVES WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF WE DECIDED EARLIER?

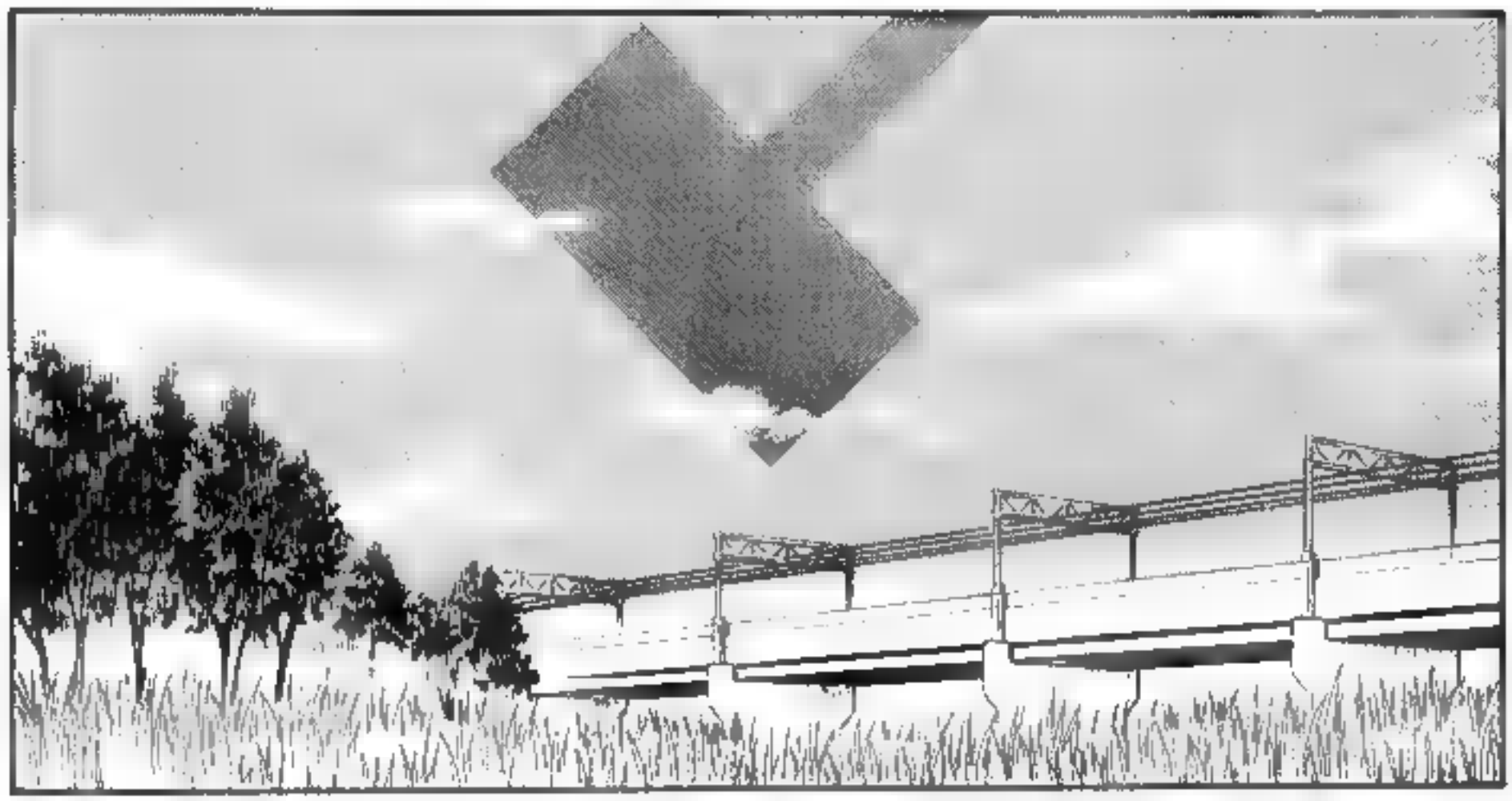
YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO THINK IT OVER
THAT'S A QUICK DECISION... THIS IS A REWARD FOR RISKING YOUR LIFE, YOU KNOW?

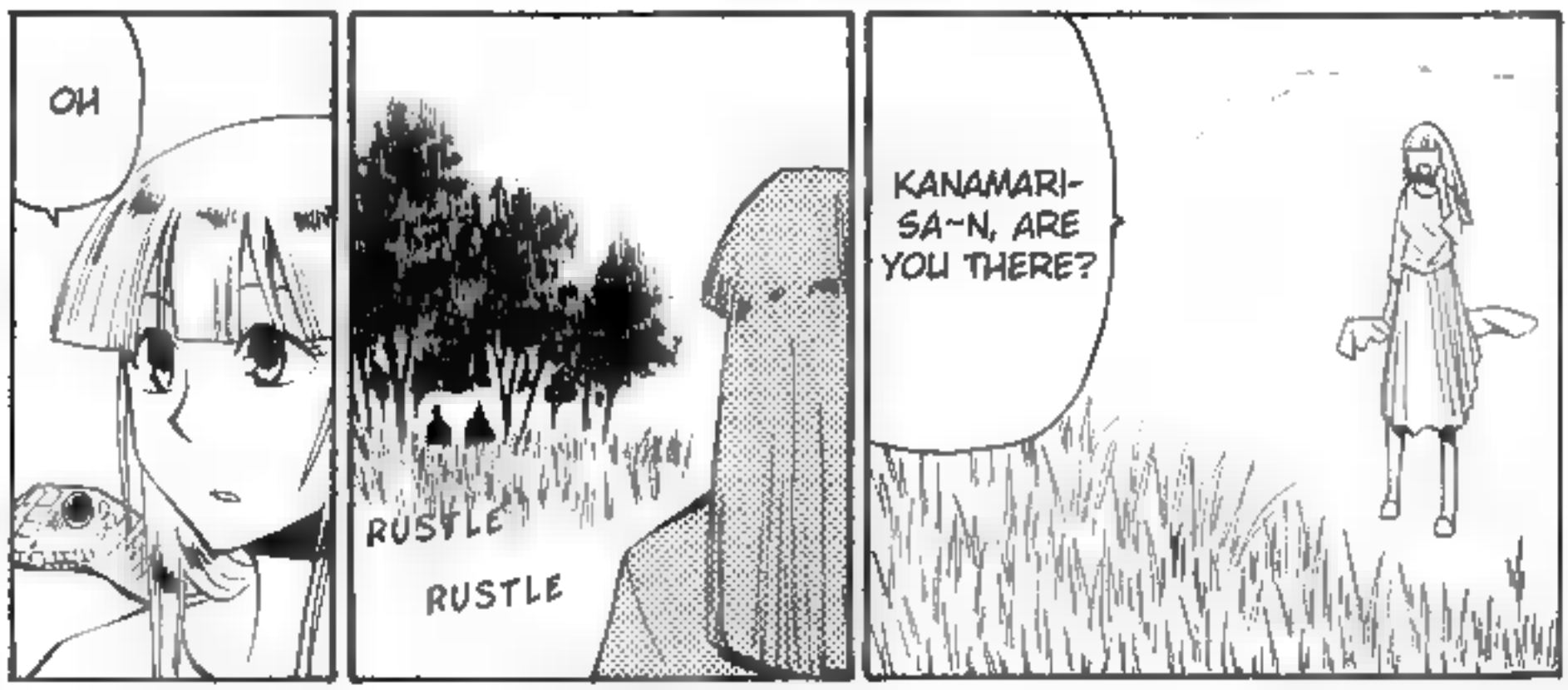
AFTER ALL, WE DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'LL DIE

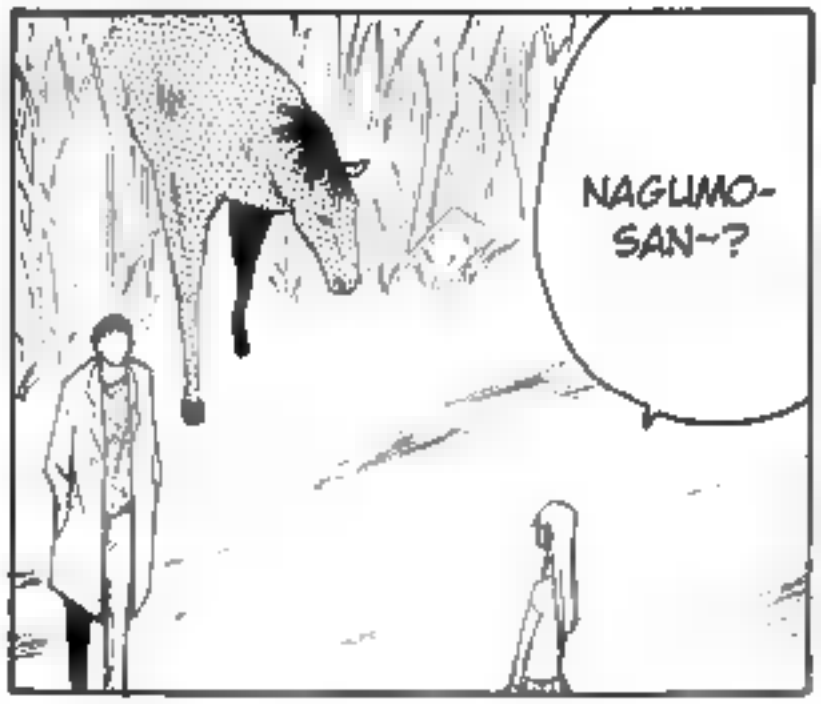

AT ANY TIME?
...YOU'RE ALREADY PREPARED TO DIE

YES. AFTER ALL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE, YOU HAVE A 100% CHANCE OF DYING


OH, REALLY~
I WAS THINKING I FOUND ONE HELL OF A GIRL

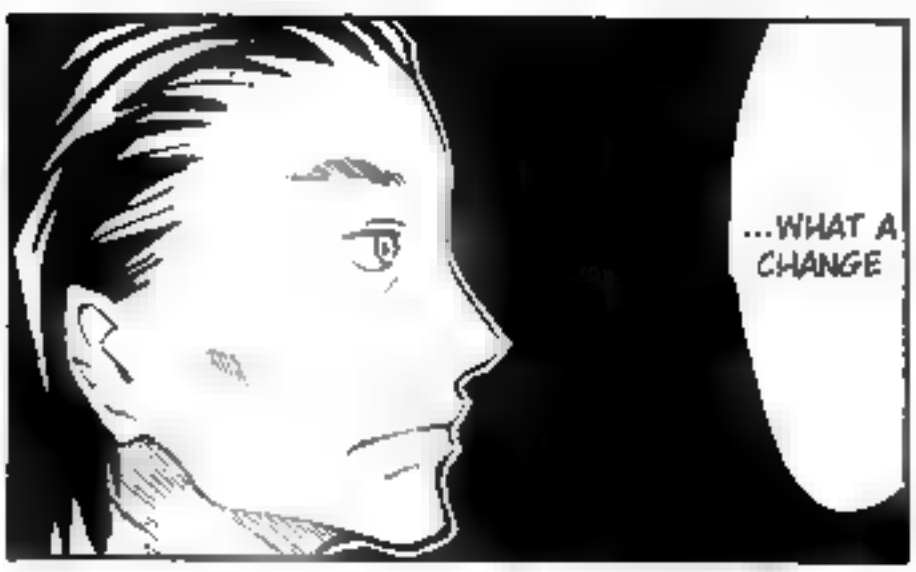


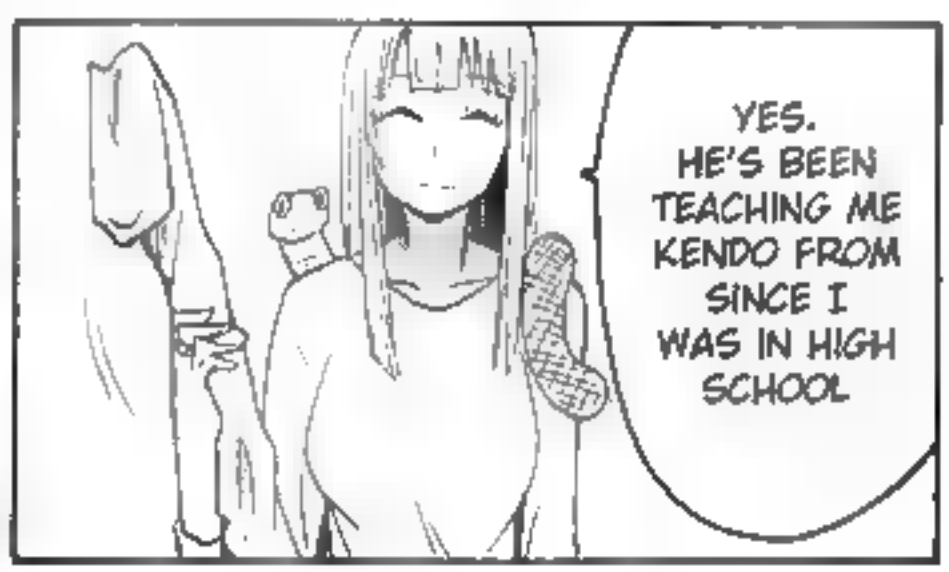

OH
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
KANAMARI-SA~N, ARE YOU THERE?


NAGUMO-SAN~?

MMM...

HAKUDOU... YOU KNOW KANAMARI-SAN?

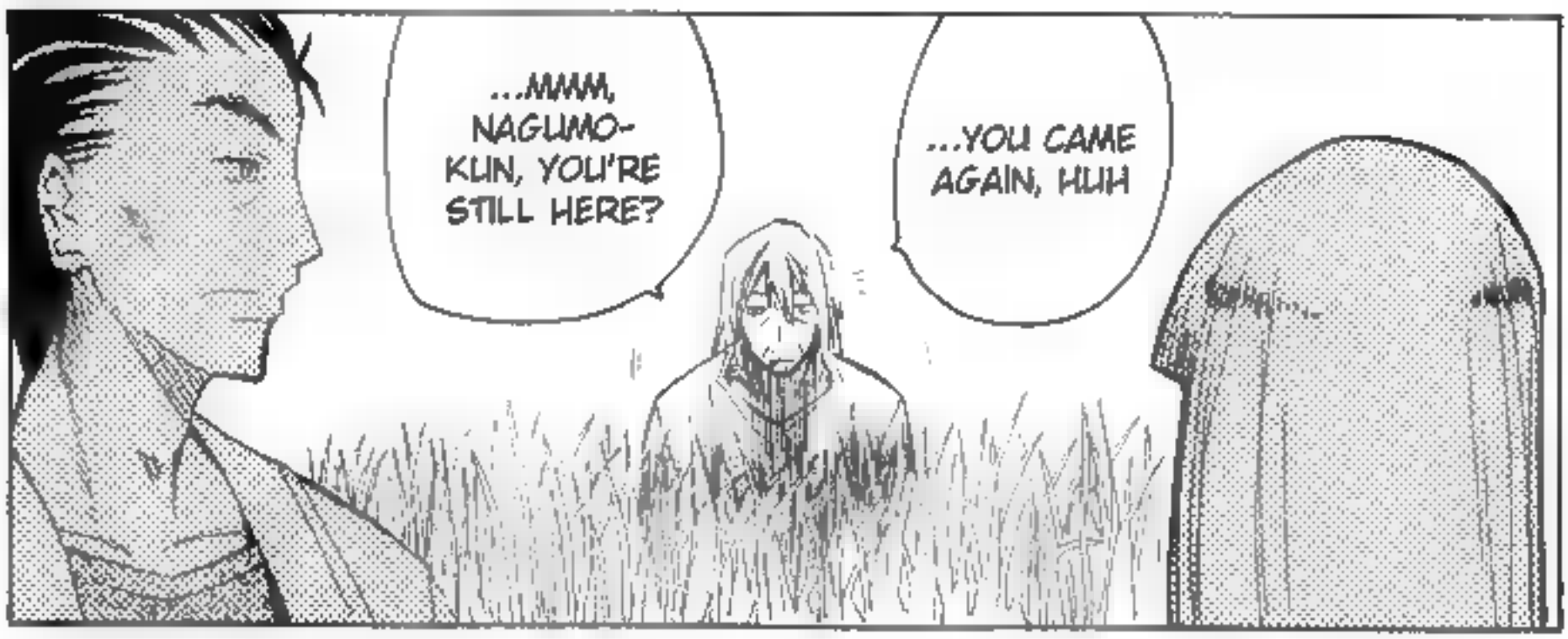

...WHAT A CHANGE


YES. HE'S BEEN TEACHING ME KENDO FROM SINCE I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL

...HE'S AN OLD AC-QUAINTANCE. I'VE FOR-GOTTEN HOW WE MET

WHAT KIND OF RELA-TIONSHIP DO YOU AND KAMINARI-SAN...

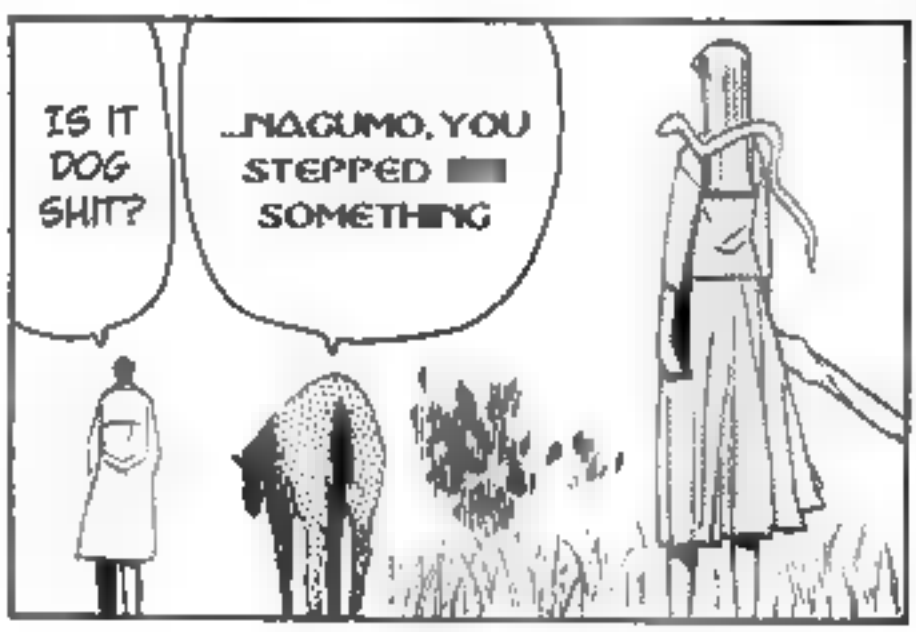
...BOTH
WHO, YAAKO? KANAMARI?


...MMM, NAGUMO-KUN, YOU'RE STILL HERE?
...YOU CAME AGAIN, HUH

HAKU-DOU

I'M COUNTING ON YOU TOO, NAGUMO-KUN
YEAH,

I'M COUNTING ON YOU ABOUT THAT FAVOR, KANAMARI-SAN
I WAS JUST LEAVING


IS IT DOG SHIT?
...NAGUMO, YOU STEPPED [redacted] SOMETHING

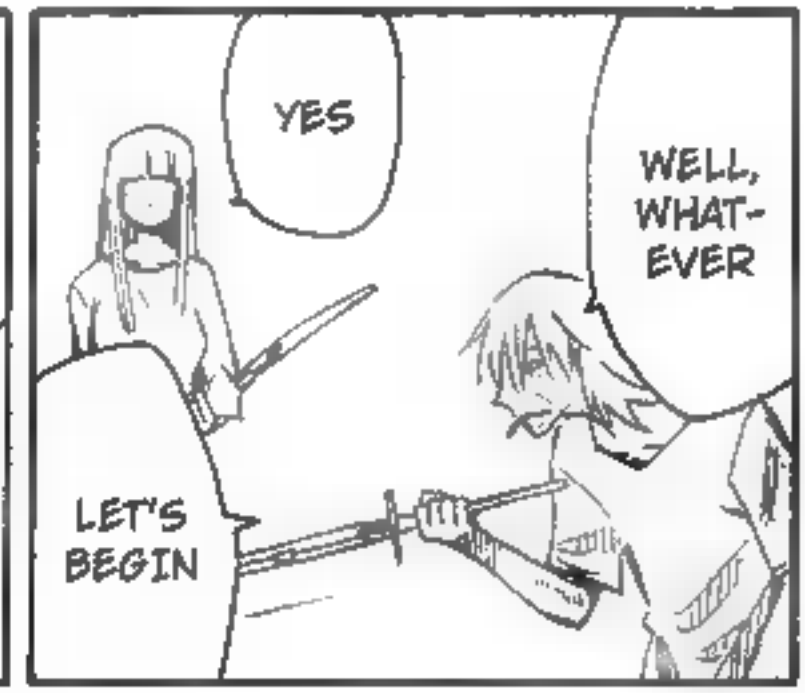
...OK...
...DON'T LEARN ANY-THING OTHER THAN KENDO FROM HIM

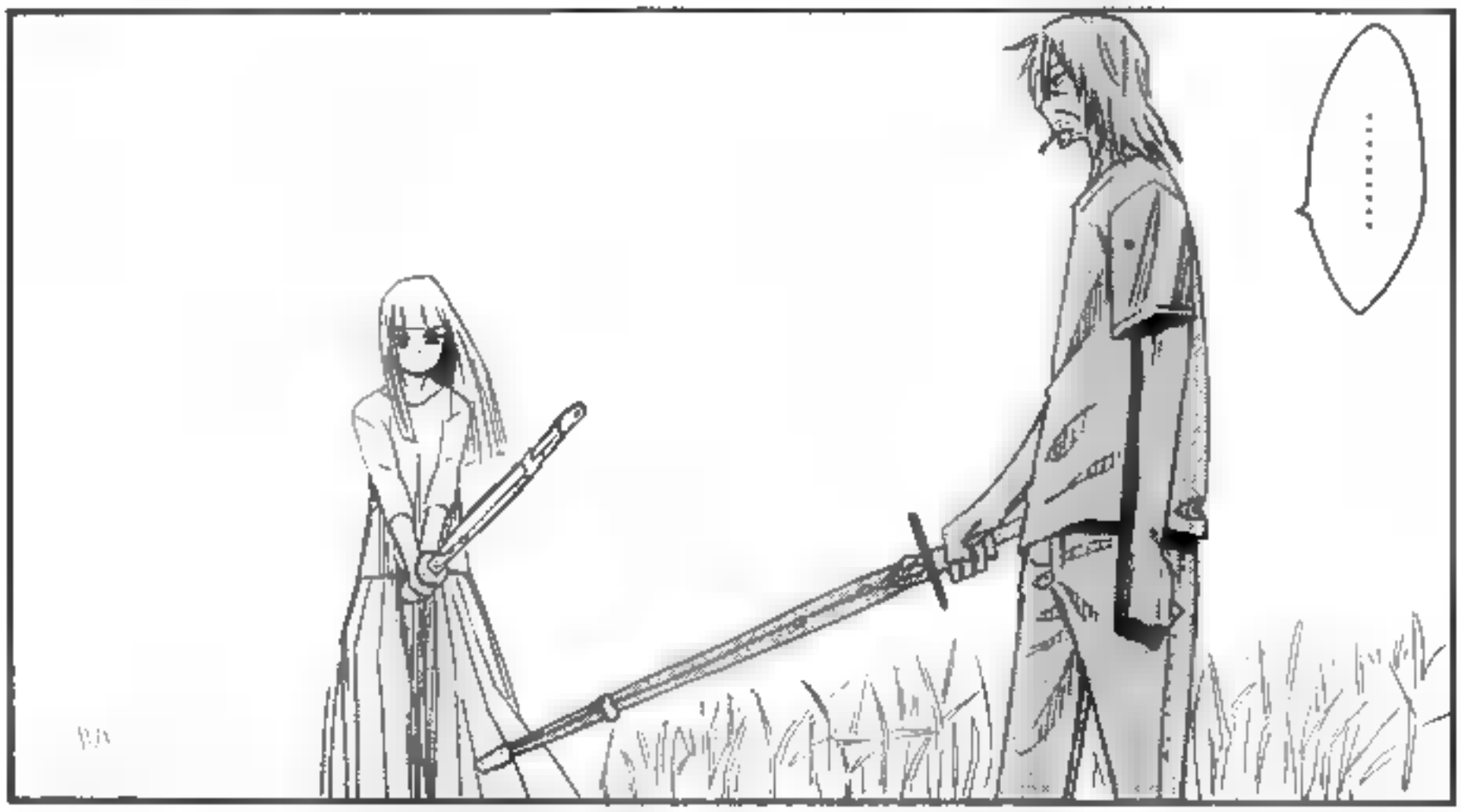
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE AN ODD ONE
YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH NAGUMO-KUN...

YES
YOU KNOW HIM?

.....

I'M COUNTING ON YOU


YES
WELL, WHAT-EVER
LET'S BEGIN


.....

COULD YOU LOOK AT ME TODAY?

SOME-THING MUCH BIGGER THAN ME, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE IMAG-INING...

LATELY, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN LOOKING AT ME EVEN WHEN I STAND IN FRONT OF YOU LIKE THIS

YOU SHOULD ALSO THINK THAT YOUR OPPONENT IS HUMAN AND COME AT ME SERIOUSLY TOO

BECAUSE I'LL BE COMING AT YOU SERIOUSLY TODAY

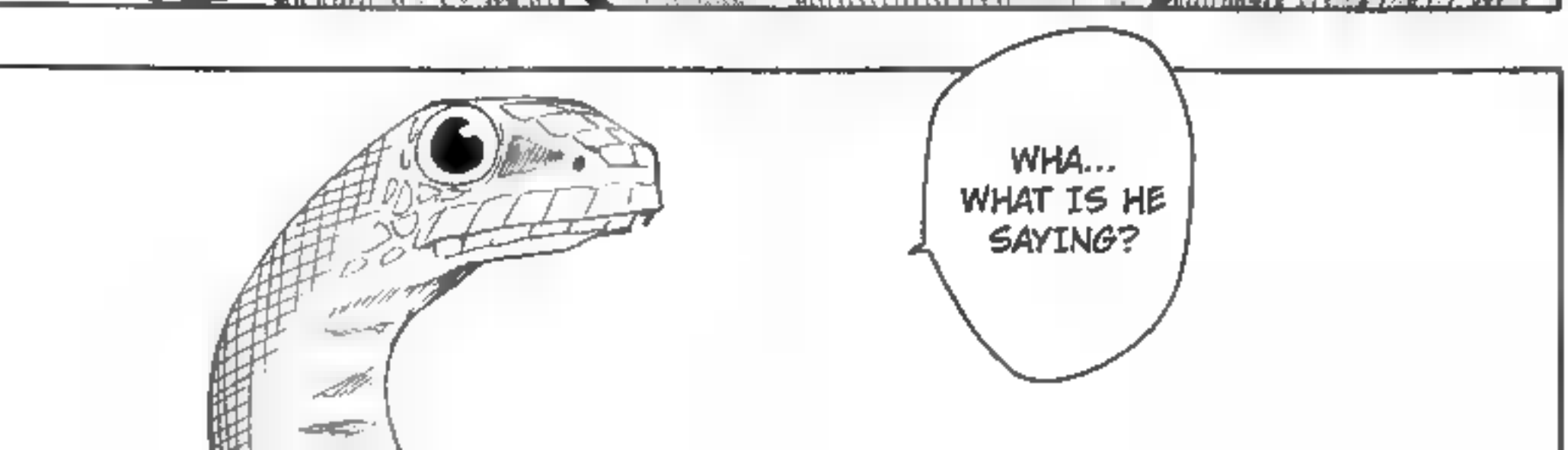
...KANA-MARI-SAN?

BECAUSE IT'S OK, EVEN IF YOU KILL ME

IF POSSIBLE WITH THE INTENTION OF KILLING

AND THAT'S FINE WITH ME TOO

BUT, IF I FEEL THAT YOU'RE NOT SERI-OUS, I'LL KILL YOU



EVERYBODY DIES

AFTER ALL, SOONER OR LATER

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN IN A BAD MOOD, HASN'T IT

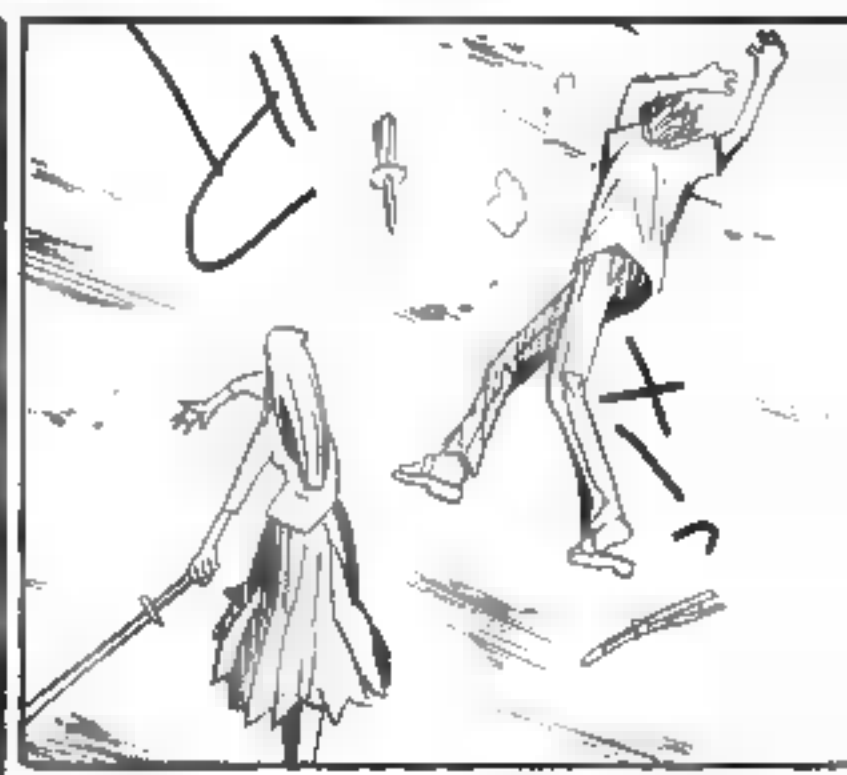
OH MY

AND RETURN YOU TO YOUR USUAL MELLOW SELF

THEN I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE THAT CHIP OFF YOUR SHOULDER

...YEAH

HOW IS IT? FEELING BETTER?



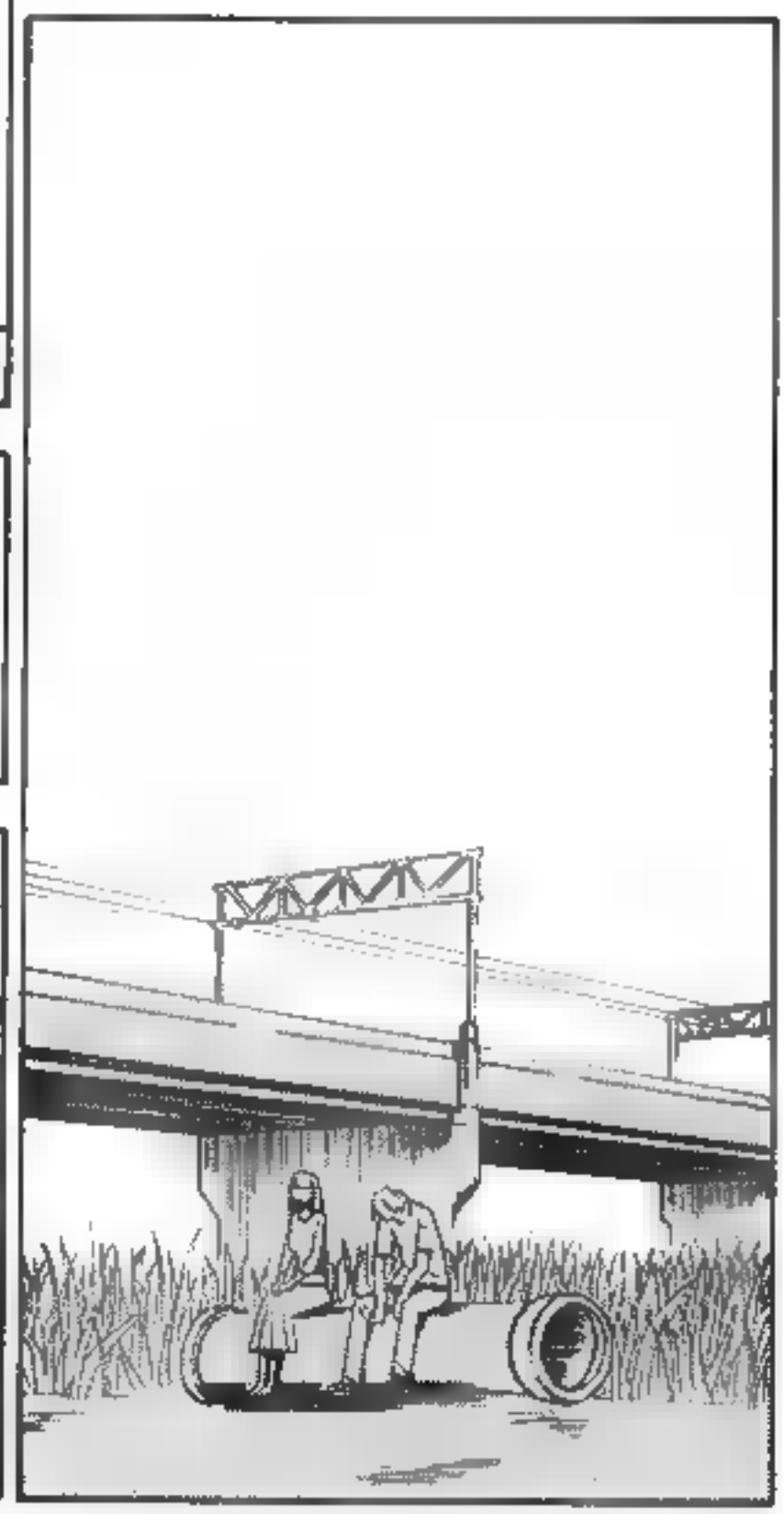
YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WANTED TO BE SMACKED~

YOU SURE ARE MERCI-LESS

...I GUESS I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU

SHE'S GOT LUNG PROBLEMS AND IS GOING FOR AN OPERA-TION SOON

...I HAVE A DAUGHTER, AROUND YOUR AGE



AFTER ALL, I RAN AWAY AND LEFT MY FAMILY ONCE

BUT I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO MEET HER

IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'D LIKE TO MEET ME BEFORE THE OPERA-TION

THAT'S THE 34TH TIME YOU'VE ASKED ME THAT

...JUST WHO ARE YOU, KANAMARI-SAN?

I'VE DONE ALL SORTS

I STARTED A COMPANY, WATCHED IT GO BUST, BECAME A HOMELESS BUM

I DON'T HAVE A TITLE OR ANYTHING YOU KNOW.

BUT I'VE BEEN ON TV, WRITTEN A BOOK

"SOONER OR LATER EVERY-BODY DIES"?

...WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY

BUT THIS IS NO LONGER THE AGE OF THE SAMURAI

NO MATTER WHAT I DID, I DIDN'T HAVE THE TALENT FOR IT

THE ONLY THING I COULD DO WAS THIS

THAT'S JUST WHAT I MEANT. 200 YEARS LATER ALL THE PEOPLE NOW WILL BE DEAD

I'M AMAZED ...

THERE'S NO POINT IN FORCING YOURSELF TO LIVE TO THE FULLEST

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE SICK OR SENILE, RICH OR POOR

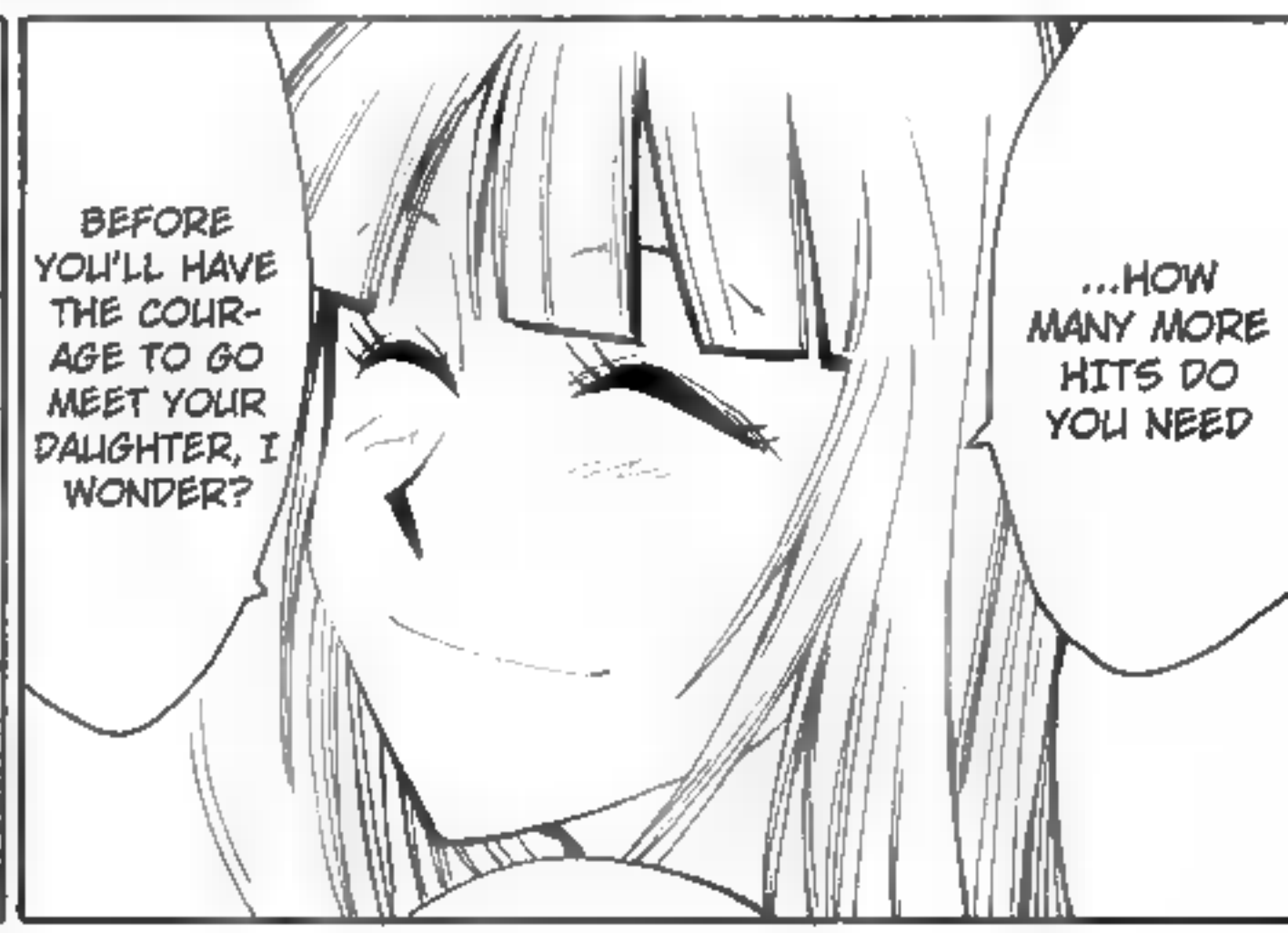
I HAVE... I THINK

...HAVE YOU EVER SEEN HOPELESS DESPAIR?

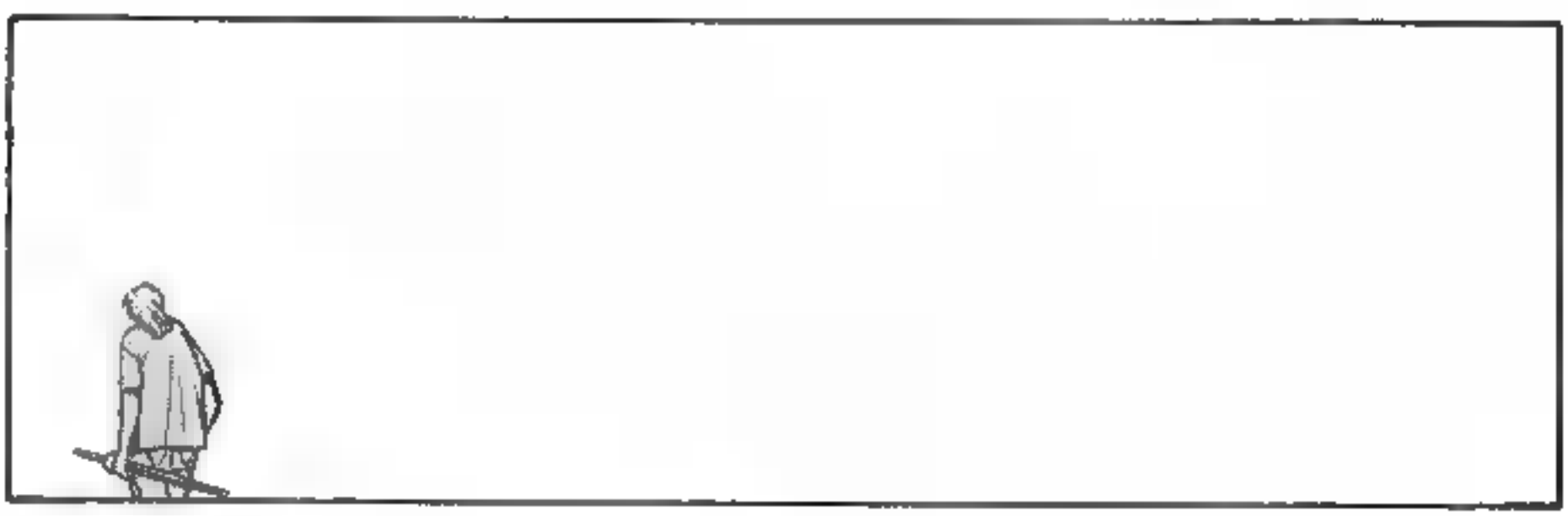
PLEASE DON'T SAY SUCH CHILDISH THINGS

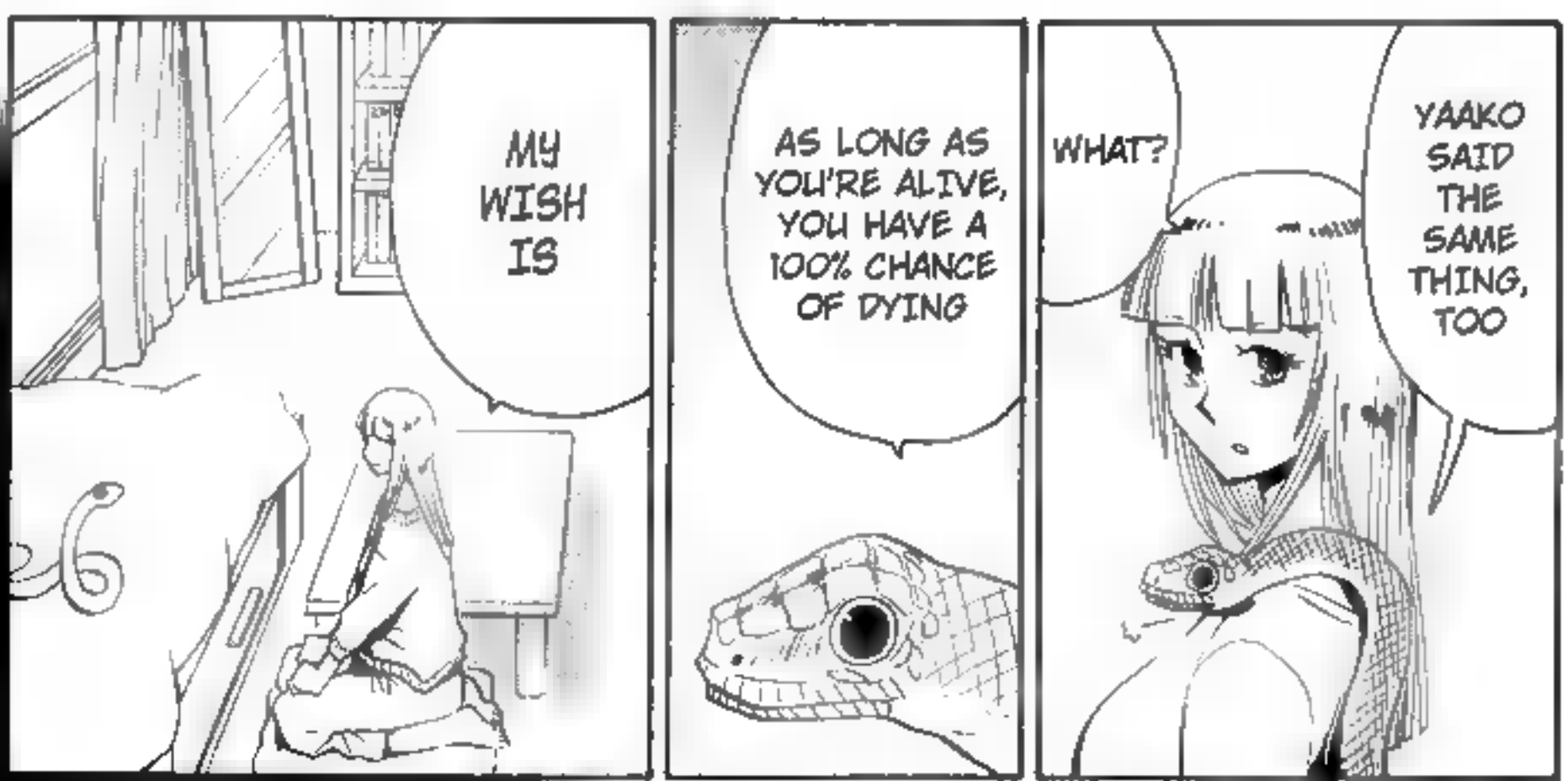
IT ALREADY HAS
TELL YOURSELF THAT IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION AND WAKE UP. AFTER ALL, IF THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY IS IN DESPAIR, THE WHOLE FAMILY FALLS APART.

WHO KNOWS
FUFU


BEFORE YOU'LL HAVE THE COUR-AGE TO GO MEET YOUR DAUGHTER, I WONDER?
...HOW MANY MORE HITS DO YOU NEED

SEE YA'
THERE'S NO CHARGE TODAY




MY WISH IS
AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE, YOU HAVE A 100% CHANCE OF DYING
WHAT?
YAAKO SAID THE SAME THING, TOO

CAN DIE WITH A SMILE WHEN THEIR TIME COMES

...CAN YOU DO THAT?

THAT MY MOM AND DAD, MY WHOLE FAMILY

OR, IF THE EARTH IS SAVED, ONE DAY IN THAT FUTURE

BUT DON'T WORRY, YOUR WHOLE FAMILY WILL DIE WITH A SMILE

IT COULD BE WHEN THE EARTH IS DESTROYED OR ONE UNEXPECTED DAY BEFORE THAT

OF COURSE I CAN. BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY YEARS IT WILL BE BEFORE IT'S GRANTED.

IT IS

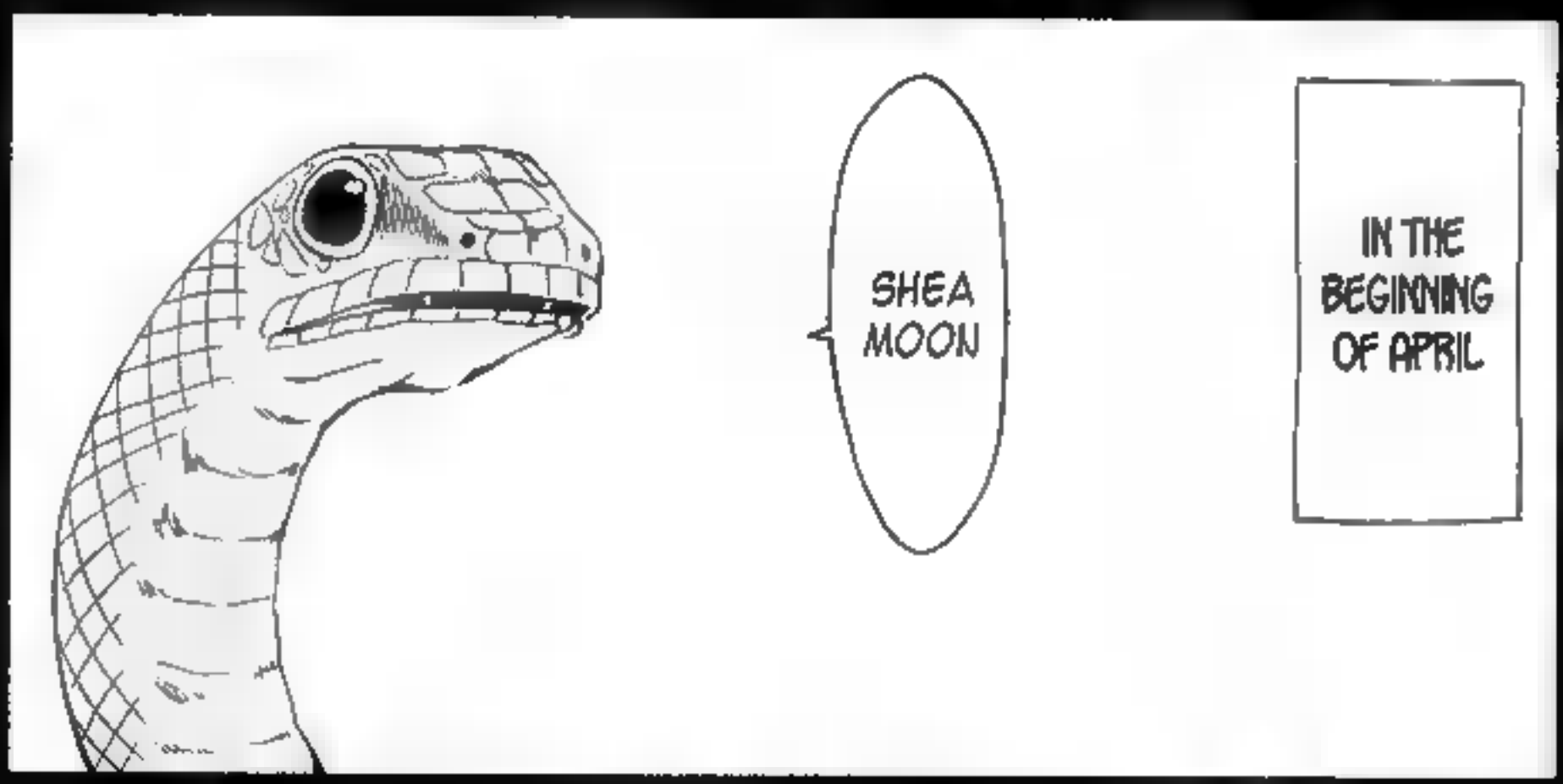
...WELL I GUESS IT'S CHEATING A BIT

THEREFORE PLEASE GRANT IT

ANYWAY, WITH THIS THE CONTRACT IS COMPLETE

TO DIE WITH A SMILE IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST LUXURY

EVERYONE DIES EVENTUALLY, THAT'S WHY WHEN THE TIME COMES, TO BE ABLE TO DIE WITHOUT REGRETS, LIKE THEY'VE LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST,



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[CHAPTER 25]

AH. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING NAGUMO-KUN.

IN THAT ENVELOPE IS YOUR DAUGHTER'S HOSPITAL ADDRESS AND A PLANE TICKET.

FIRSTLY, I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM YOUR WIFE.

.....

NAGUMO-KUN ... YOU'RE REALLY A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING MAN

I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS.

NOT AT ALL... BUT REALLY, I HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS.

FURTHERMORE, THE BACK OF THAT NOTE
DON'T MIND IT.
...THE COST?
... A POR-TRAIT?
BACK?
BUT DON'T CALL ME OUT.
IF YOU SEE THAT MAN; CALL ME.
HAH
POST THESE FOR ME.
I WON'T.
... IF THEY WIN DON'T POCKET THE PRIZES FOR YOURSELF.
THEY'RE MAGAZINE LOTTERY CARDS. [redacted] YOUR ADDRESS.
AAH. WAIT A MINUTE.
THAT'S ALL FOR ME.

EVEN IF THE ALLIES OF JUSTICE WANT THIS.

BUT HEY,

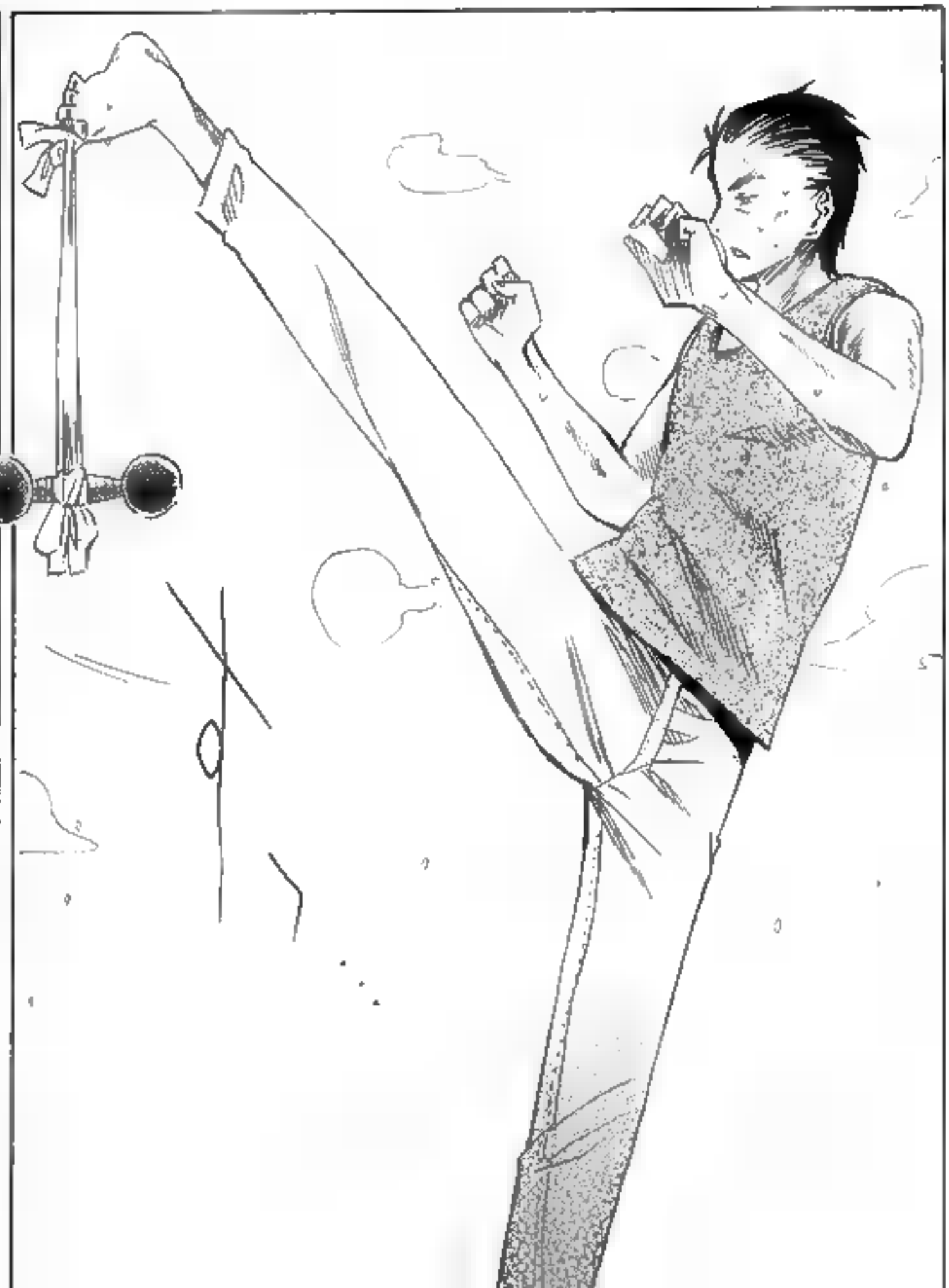
KANAMARI-SAN ... I ...

YOU REALLY MIGHT NOT MAKE IT BACK.

I'M NOT AN ALLY OF JUSTICE NOW.

EVEN IF I WAS IN THE PAST,

[CHAPTER 25]
A MAN'S FEELINGS AND THE HORSE KNIGHT



NAGUMO, PHONE.

AMAMIYA HERE.
IT'S ME.
REALLY? BUT HE TREATED US TO CURRY.
CAN'T BE ALLOWAN ... NO WAY. AT THAT AGE...
... UNDER-STOOD
THEN, LATER
IS HE STILL WORKING?
NAH, IT SEEMS NAGUMO IS UN-EMPLOYED.
THE PRINCESS AND I, WE WANT TO TALK. THE THREE OF US.
UNGE

WE'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT.

FIRSTLY WHAT NAGUMO-DONO SAID AT THE MEETING OF KNIGHTS,

...THESE WERE THE LAST WORDS OF THE OOG KNIGHT LUDO.

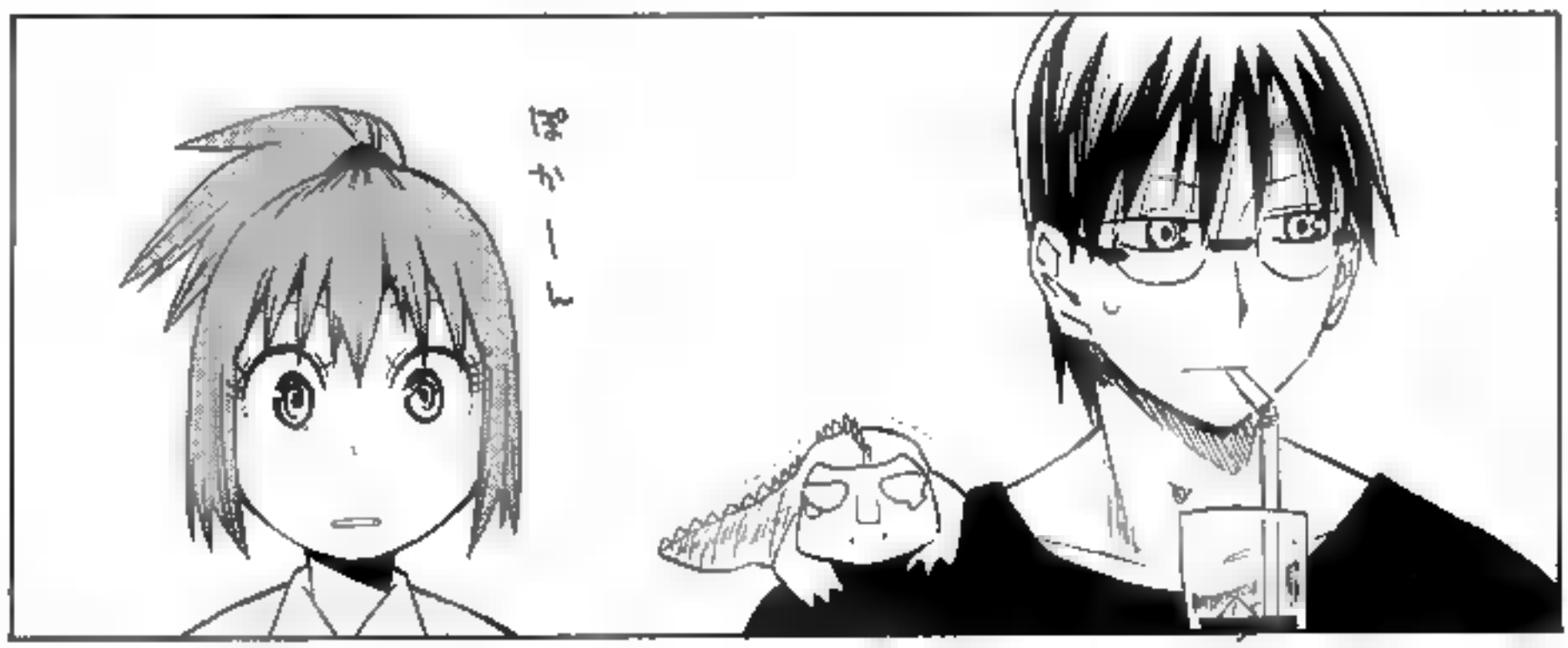
I'M DOING FINE
NAAH

MA, IS IT?

HELLO
UM ... EXCUSE ME.

IT'S FINE. I'M MAKING A GO OF IT.
WORK?

THEN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FROM MY SEPA-RATED WIFE.

NO... FROM YOUR MOTHER?

.....

WE HAVE ONE CHILD.

AAH

YOUR WIFE... HER BEING MA IS...

TELLING HER FAVORABLE LIES ABOUT WORK.

A WIFE AND A CHILD, NO JOB.

UM ----

YOU SHOULDN'T SPREAD UNNECESSARY DOUBT.

ANYWAY, ABOUT AKANE AND LOKI... IF ALL YOU HAVE IS LUDO'S WORD TO GO BY DON'T SAY ANYTHING.

IT WAS BEFORE I BECAME A DETECTIVE... RIGHT.
...N? AAH.

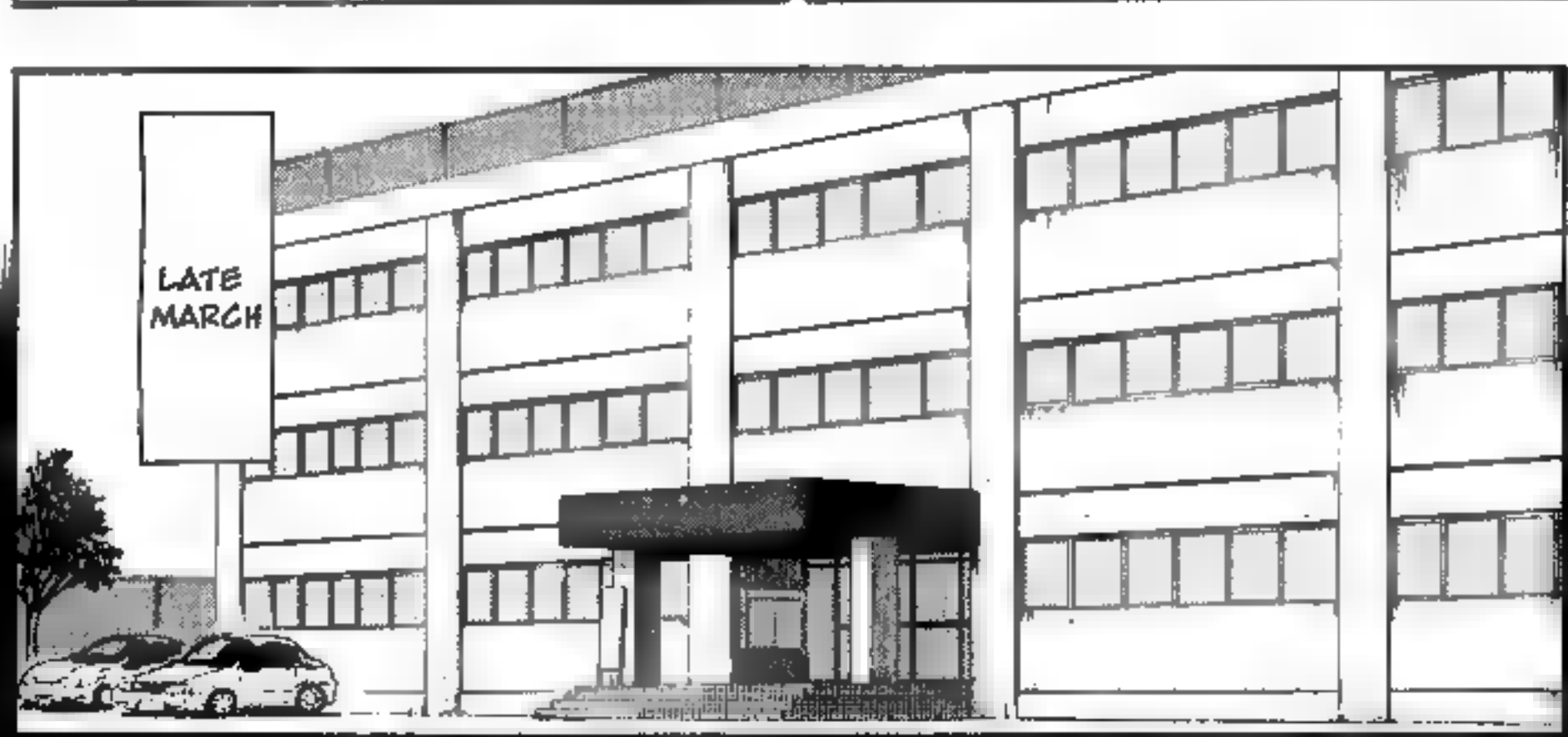
HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR WIFE?

THE TIME I SERVED IN A POLICE BOX I CHATTED WITH A SNEAKY THIEF WE CAUGHT...
AH
...DE-TECTIVE?

I'D LIKE TO HEAR IT.
YOUR REASON FOR QUITTING.

HOHO
YOU CAPTURED CRIMINALS AND YOUR WIFE'S HEART... TOH
AH. YOU SAID IT! WITH THAT FACE!

I QUIT SOON AFTER THAT.


LATE MARCH

I'M AWA...
N..... AH, HIWATARI IS IT?

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD.

SLEEPING HERE AGAIN...
NAGUMO-SAN

AAH. I MUST STILL BE DROWSY.

MY FIGURE AND VOICE

OTHER HUMANS CAN'T DETECT IT EITHER.

DON'T YELL. IT'LL BE EMBARRASSING.

...YOUR FACE LOOKS A BIT OFF.

?

THE WORLD IS IN PERIL.

AH

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

THAT REACTION IS NORMAL. LISTEN.

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AH

LAST MONTH IN THE NEIGHBORING PREFECTURE THE 3 GUYS SELLING DRUGS TO SCHOOLKIDS WERE CAUGHT RIGHT?

I SHOULD DRIVE.

I LEAVE IT TO YOU.

YUP. AND THEY EVEN HAD EYES DRAWN ON THEIR FOREHEADS WITH OILY STUFF.

THAT, IT SEEMS WAS THANKS TO FUUJIIN.

THE ONES THAT AT THE TIME OF ARREST WERE ALREADY BOUND, PANTLESS WITH PITA STUCK TO THEIR PRIVATES?

NO NO HANGETSU

SHINONOME HANGETSU

HAGE?

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FUUJIN AND SHINONOME HA--

GEH!?

AH. SPEAKING OF FUUJIN MY LITTLE SISTER HAS BEEN AT UNIVERSITY FOR FOUR MONTHS.

EH, AH. HANGETSU NA.

HORSE... ABOUT HOW FAST CAN THEY RUN IN KPH?
IS THAT SO... THE STORY'S CHANGED HUH.

SIXTY, SEVENTY KILOMETERS ISN'T IT?... MAYBE MORE.
EH? SA SAA...

HE WENT OVERSEAS IT SEEMS.
I HEARD THE RECENT RUMOR.
SOMEHOW FUUJIN'S YOUNGER BROTHER IS ENROLLING IN A UNIVERSITY.

SURE IS...
IS THAT SO... QUICK RIGHT.

HERE IS WHERE THE PHANTOM SLASHER APPEARED.
YES. HE WAS CLEARLY SEEN.
NO MISTAKE.

THE MAN SUDDENLY RUNS BACK AND CUT A BOY'S ARM WITH A BOX CUTTER BEFORE ABSCONDING IN THAT DIRECTION.

A YOUNG MAN IN HIS 20'S APPEARS FROM THERE.

THIRTY MINUTES FROM NOW PRIMARY SCHOOL BOYS ARE COMING FROM THERE,

[redacted] PULLS THE CUTTER OUT IN AN INSTANT.

HOW COULD IT NOT?

IS HIS ATTEMPT SUCCESS-FUL?

WE SHOULD PREPARE NOW.

SO WHEN THE TIME COMES WE ARE READY FOR IT.

FURTHERMORE, MY PREDICTION IS PERFECT. I SAW EVERYTHING.

THE RUNNING MAN COMES TOWARDS US FROM THAT SQUARE.

ACC-ORDING TO MY PREDIC-TION

HOW, A PRECOGNITIVE ESPER HUH?

FROM BEGINNING TO END THERE'LL ONLY BE DAMAGE DONE.
...SO WE CAN CATCH HIM HERE AND BE SATISFIED.
.....
RIGHT. I'LL WAIT THERE. HIWATARI YOU PROTECT THE CHILDREN.
MY PRIVATE LIFE IS OFF LIMITS.
NAGUMO-SAN'S CHILD IS ABOUT THE SAME AGE RIGHT?
OI! WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT PICTURE?!
...NAGUMO-SAN
WA... EH?
THESE SHORTPANTS ARE NOSEBLEED WORTHY.
WANT
I TOOK IT FROM YOUR WALLET AND MADE A COPY.

NOT ALLIES OF JUSTICE.

WE ARE LAWKEEPERS

DON'T FORGET THAT.

ARE MY ENEMY.

ADULTS WHO MAKE CHILDREN CRY

LET'S TALK AT THE LOCAL COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT.

WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE [redacted] THAT?

I WANT YOU TO LEND YOUR POWER TO PROTECT THE EARTH.

LET ME CONTINUE FROM BEFORE.

.....

MAA... ANYWAY, THAT'S A RARE ABILITY ISN'T IT?

.....

YOU'LL BELIEVE IN TIME. I BELIEVE THAT.

THEN IT'S OF NO USE!

HIWATARI'S PREDICTION IS ALREADY OVERDUE!

IT'S GOOD TO [redacted] ABLE TO SAVE CHILDREN ISN'T IT?

WE'RE NOT ALLIES OF JUSTICE.

YOU THINK THIS IS LUCKY. EVEN SO THIS JOB IS EQUAL.

YOUR REJECTION OF JUSTICE [redacted] STRONG.

I UNDERSTAND NOW.

NAGUMO-SAN! HE'S HERE!

!

WHA-WHAT YOU

!

HAA... WELL, THIS IS THE RESULT OF ACTING ON MY PREDICTIONS.

...YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN FOR A WHILE. IF YOU HADN'T SEEN HIM, WHAT SORT OF INJURIES WOULD YOU HAVE?

THAT WAS BECAUSE I PUSHED HIM.

MY EXTENDED ARM WAS CUT WITH HIS.

I SAW AN IMAGE OF THE CUT CHILD FALLING DOWN.

...SHALLOWER THAN YOURS ANYWAY.

THE KID'S INJURY LOOKS TO BE SHALLOW.

.....

THE PERSON NEXT TO THE CRIMINAL IS IN PLAIN CLOTHES, BUT THAT'S SURELY THE CHIEF!

THAT'S THE CRIMINAL FROM JUST THEN? WHERE TO...

HNN?

EVEN THOUGH YOU GOT INJURED.

...SORRY HIWATARI

SECTION CHIEF? JUST THEN...

JUST FORGET IT.

...IT CAN'T BE. THIS IS A WHITEWASH...

COULD IT [redacted] THAT THE CRIMINAL IS ACTUALLY THE CHIEF'S RELATIVE?

OI

I'M GOING TO HIT THEM.

.....

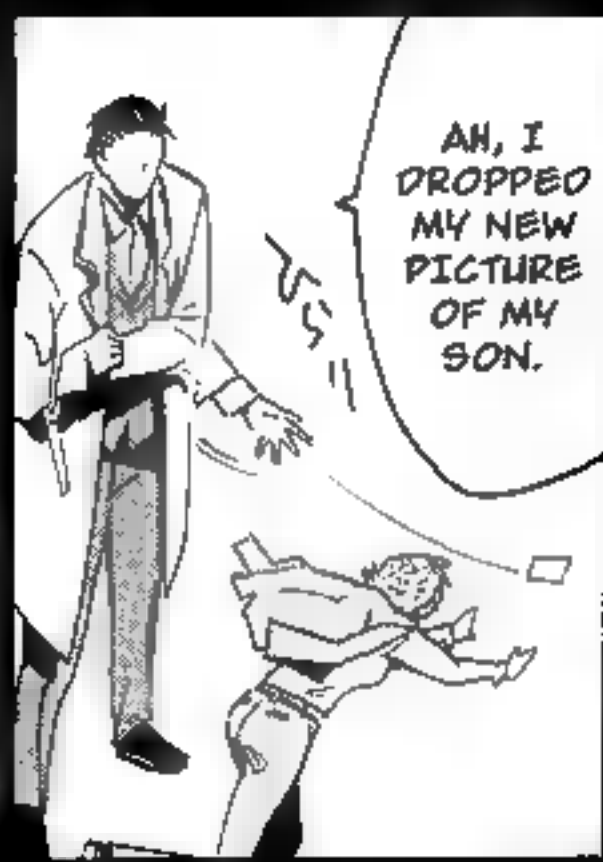
YOU HAVE A FUTURE.

YOU REVEALED THE SCENE AND NOW THERE'S A PATH FOR SUCCESS.

RATHER NAGUMO-SAN HAS A FAMILY.
THIS IS MINE!!

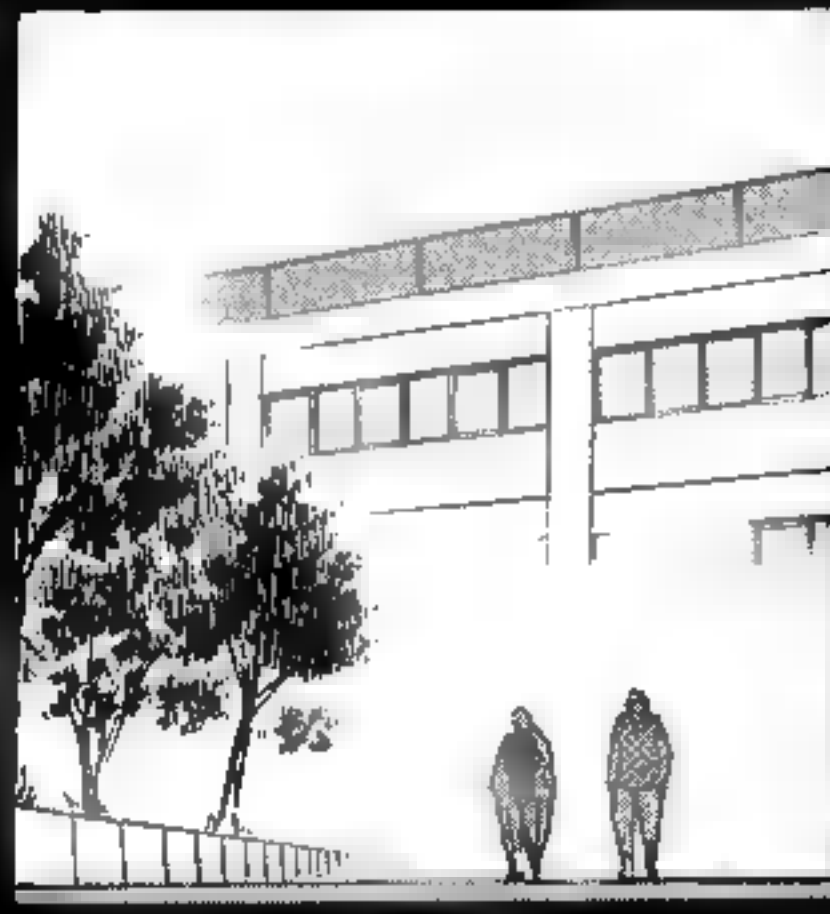
I'M GOING TO CHANGE MINE.

AH!!


AH, I DROPPED MY NEW PICTURE OF MY SON.

NO NO
NO, ME
NO NO NO

...EVEN I CAN'T WHITEWASH A MURDERER.
IT'S THAT WOMAN'S FAULT. I WOULD'VE SLICED THAT KID'S CAROTID ARTERY IN ONE HIT AND HE WOULD'VE BLED OUT.



HOW... YOU WERE AIMING FOR THE NECK... TCH.
I WON'T LOSE THE NEXT GAME!!
OH, IT'S YOU.
I HEARD ABOUT YOU.
NAGUMO-KUN RIGHT?

HE'S AT A ROWDY AGE.

THANK YOU FOR DISCIPLINING MY CHILD!

PLEASE WORK HARD FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE!!

URYAA!!

...MAYBE...

CLEARING THE AIR ARE WE?

...OOH...

VIL-LAIN!!

MY CHILDREN, MY MEN, THEY'RE ALL ON MY RECORD RIGHT?

OOF ....

WITH THAT, I TRUST THERE WON'T [redacted] ANY PROBLEMS.

DON'T WORRY. I'LL HAVE HIM REFLECT ON HIS ACTIONS ON A TUNA FISHING TRAWLER.

YOU'RE A VICTIM TOO AFTER ALL.

WELL, THIS COULDN'T BE HELPED THIS TIME.

IT'S GROSS.

BIG THINGS, SMALL THINGS

WH.. WHAT. WHAT... WAS THAT?

OHHO, PHONE CALL.

BY THE WAY, THE EARTH...

QUITE

PROBLEM ISN'T IT.

THANK YOU. I JUST GOT THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT.

SOUJI?

HELLO? DADA?

.....

I WANTED YOUNGSTERS LIKE YOU TO EXPERIENCE IT JUST ONCE.

IT'S A RECENT RE-RELEASE OF AN OLD PROGRAM YOUR PAPA USED TO WATCH AND ACT OUT WITH HIS FRIENDS.

BUT WHAT THE HECK IS WITH THAT DVD 'PARROTMAN'?

AHAHAHA

...EVEN IF YOU'RE THE VILLAIN.

IT'S A GOOD SHOW. WATCH IT OKAY.

SINCE YOU'RE A POLICEMAN YOU'RE ACTING ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE RIGHT?

BYE

MMM. TOU-SAN IS REALLY WORKING AS AN ALLY OF JUSTICE.

SO THEN...

YOU CAN BECOME A REAL ALLY OF JUSTICE!!

OUR ENEMY IS THE EARTH'S PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION, THAT'S THE REAL EVIL.

IF I'M TO BET ON MY SURVIVAL, I'LL CHOOSE THE MEANS I FIGHT BY.

I WON'T.

I'M TOLERANT OF OCCULT MATTERS.

YOU BELIEVE ME?

I'LL GET MY HANDS DIRTY.

...BUT,

I HAVE A PRINCIPLE OF NOT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO RIDE ME.

FOOM!

AGOH!?

BY THE WAY, YOU SAID PEOPLE CAN'T SEE YOU. THAT'S TRUE, RIGHT?

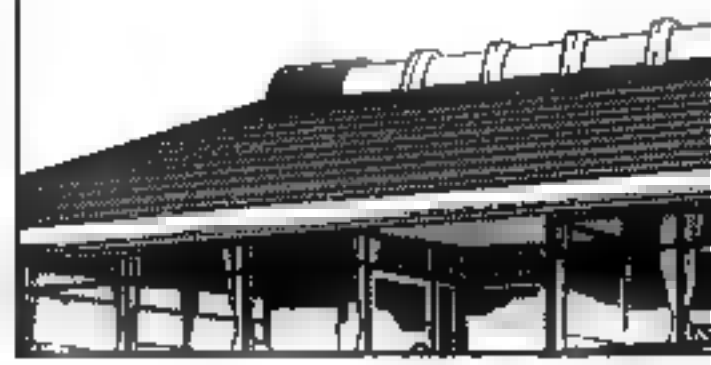
LET ME RIDE A LITTLE.

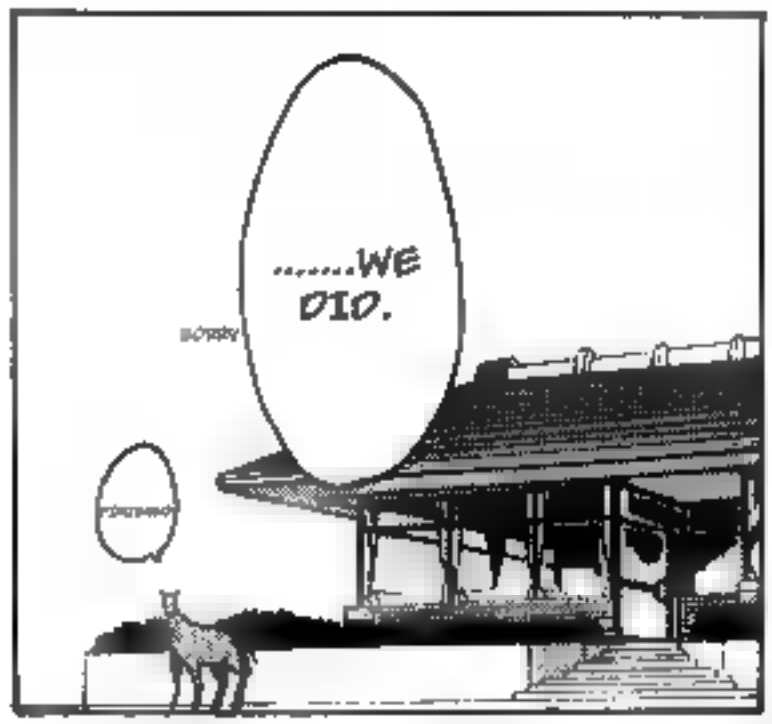
AND I WAS ANGRY SO I QUIT.

NAGUMO, IT'S CRAMPED.

...FROM THEN I HAD PAIN IN MY WAIST AND WAS LAID UP FOR A WEEK.

THEN I REMEMBERED MY INTENDED COMPLAINT TO THE DEPARTMENT.





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[CHAPTER 26]

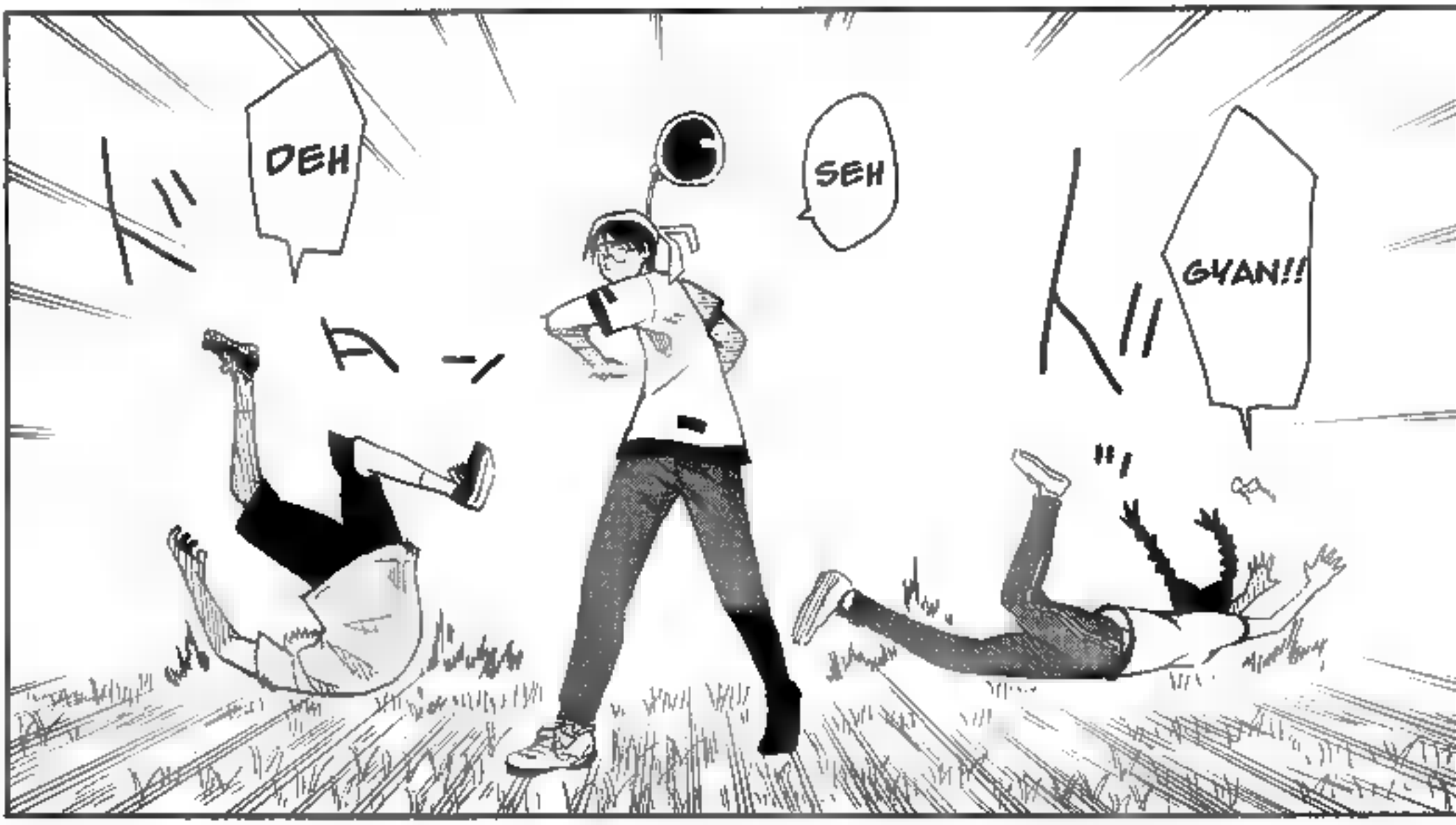
WAH

HOH

HAH

TLER'S NOTES: HE TALKS LIKE THAT

PLEASE!!
GO AHEAD


DEH
SEH
GYAN!!

TO IMPROVE THE SURVIVAL RATE, SHOULD WE LET THEM EXPERIENCE THE TRAINING YUUHI HAD AGAINST THE PRINCESS' ATTACKS?
HMM

...SORRY I JUST FELT LIKE HAVING ONE.
IS THERE ANY MEANING TO THE BALLOON...?

KYA
WAH

WATCH MY ATTACKS CAREFULLY

HA

HA

ZEE

ZEE

YUU-KUN, SUBSTI-TUTION---

WE'RE CHANGING THE TRAINING METHOD---

HERE

HYA---

HA, HANAKOOO

ARARA, WELL, THAT'S ALRIGHT FOR THE FIRST TRY. I FAILED MY ONE-INCH STOP

...THERE'S STILL MORE

NEXT

GOOOO

HII---

CHAPTER 26
KUSAKABE TAROU AND THE MOUSE KNIGHT

I'M REALLY SORRY!!

BUT DIDN'T WE DETERMINE AT OUR LAST MEETING WHO FUUJIN'S DISCIPLE OF COMBAT WAS?

YUU-KUN IS A CAPABLE MAN.

BORI BORI BORI

YOU REALLY DID IT GLASSES!

I ACTUALLY SAID I WANTED TO TEST THE WEAK-BYED GUY'S ABILITY.

豚骨

...HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME?

YOU DIRECTLY TAUGHT ME ABOUT BEING A DISCIPLE AND SUCH...

DON'T GATHER MORE PEOPLE!!

HYOU-CHAN

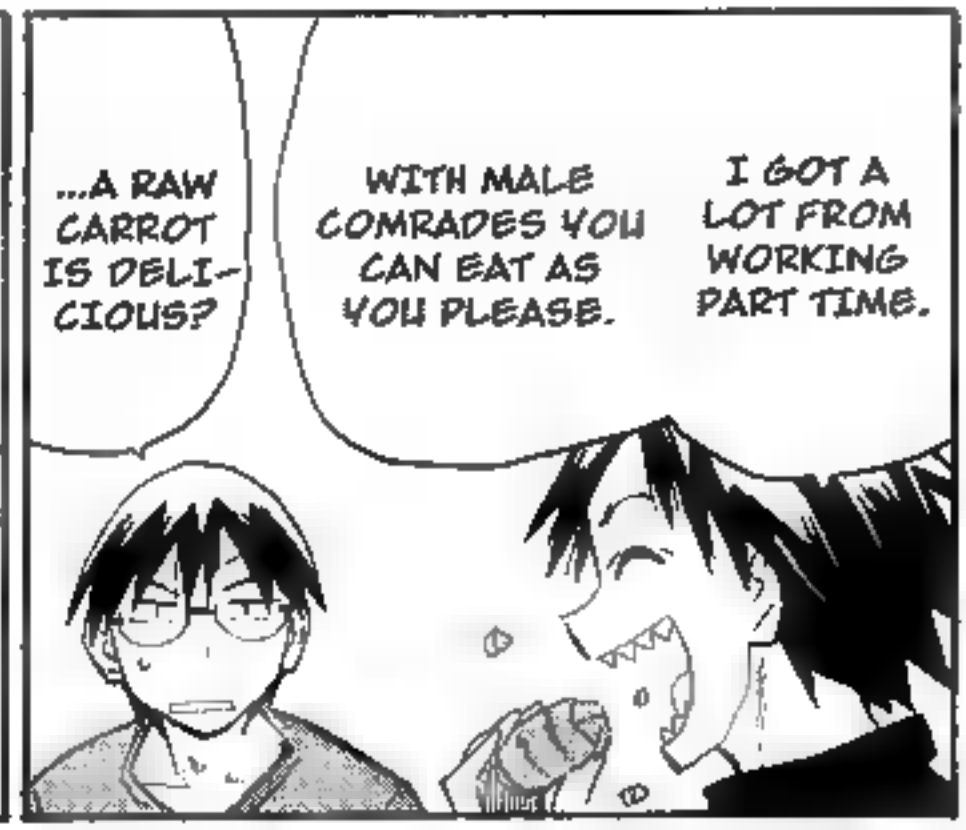
SOU-CHAN

SOU-CHAN AND HYOU-CHAN CAN'T MAKE IT.

AND DON'T JUST GO EATING OTHER PEOPLE'S FOOD AS YOU PLEASE!!

DAN

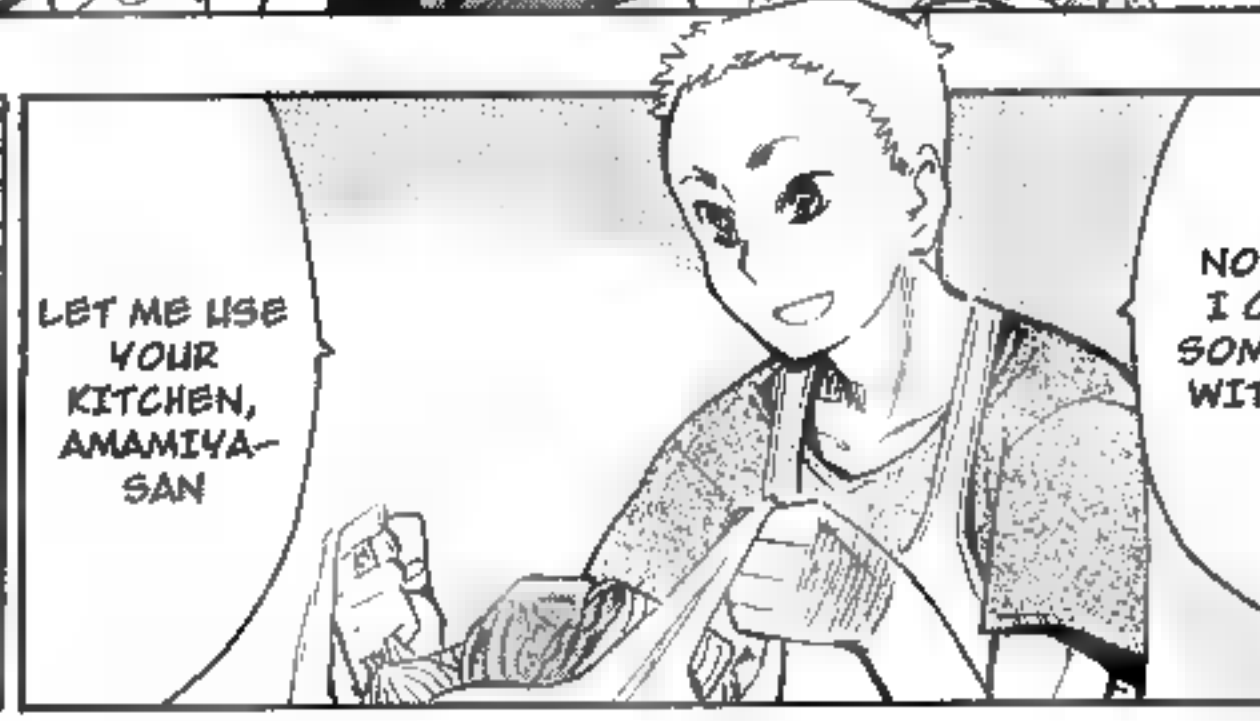
OOH!
MEAT, FRESH VEGETABLES, WHAT IS THIS?
I'VE GOT MORE FOOD, HERE.
EVEN JUST SNACKS AND SWEETS

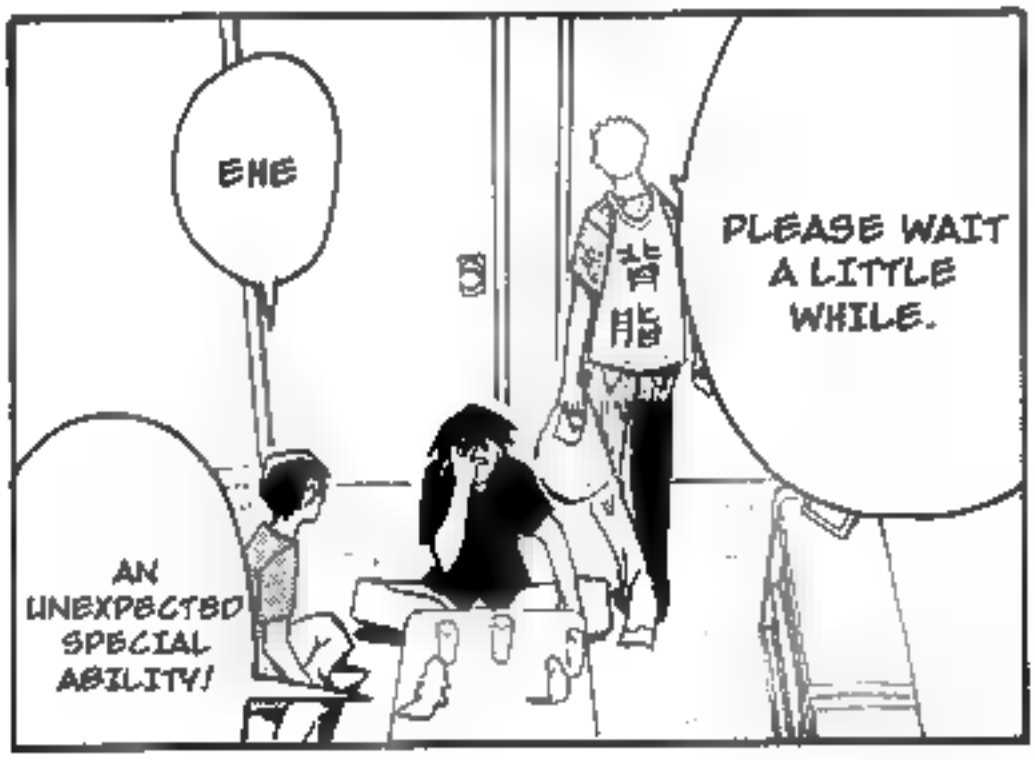

...A RAW CARROT IS DELI-CIOUS?
WITH MALE COMRADES YOU CAN EAT AS YOU PLEASE.
I GOT A LOT FROM WORKING PART TIME.

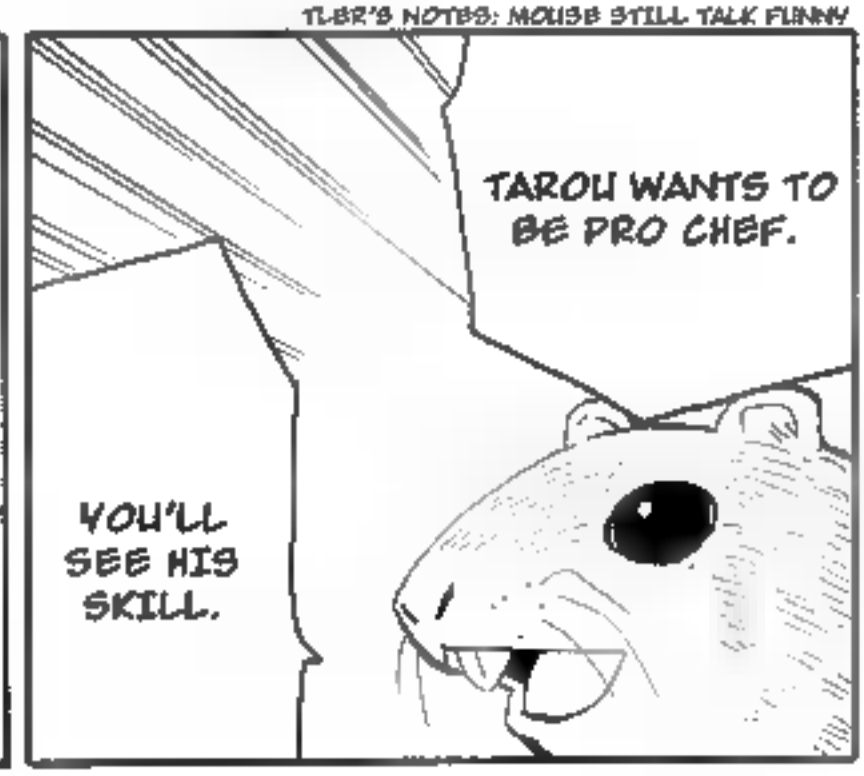
UWAH...
A RAW ONION!!
BARI
BARI
BARI
LIKE THIS! THIS!

KUSAKABE-KUN... SHOULD WE LEAVE THIS IDIOT AND GO BUY SOMETHING?
BWAH
KAH-II!!
AH, HE'S CRYING.

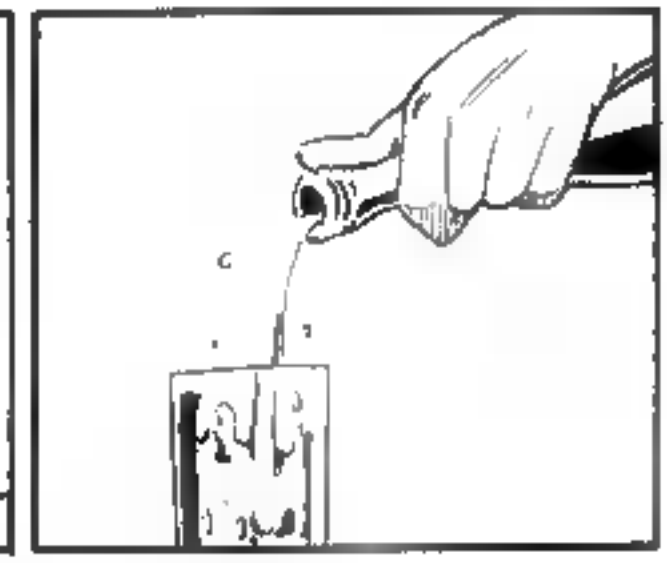
OH? YOU CAN COOK HUH.


LET ME USE YOUR KITCHEN, AMAMIYA-SAN
NO NEED. I CAN DO SOMETHING WITH THIS.


EHE
PLEASE WAIT A LITTLE WHILE.
AN UNEXPECTED SPECIAL ABILITY!


TAROU WANTS TO BE PRO CHEF.
YOU'LL SEE HIS SKILL.

BATTLE EXERCISES WITH THE PRINCESS.
BY THE WAY, WHAT WERE YOU DOING TODAY WITH TAROU AND HANAKO-CHAN?



TOMORROW WE'LL SEE IF NAGUMO-SAN CAN TEACH US.
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A MASTER.

YA... THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.

YUU-KUN TOOK DISCI-PLES?!
EH---!

HAH
HANAKO-CHAN?

SORANO-SAN TOO?

SOU-CHAN, HUH. MAH
HIS HUNDRED LEG FLASH SURE IS IMPRESSIVE.

HUNDRED LEG FLASH SAILOR UNIFORM VERSION!!

BRAIDED BLACK-HAIRED GLASSES-WEARING HIGH SCHOOL GIRL ♡

IT'S BRILLIANT MIKA-ZUKI!!

THE HECK IS THAT?!

WHAT IS THIS!!

HONESTLY, WHOSE SAKE WAS I DOING THIS FOR?

HANAKO IS HAVING A STUDY MEETING WITH A FRIEND TOMORROW.

DELI-CIOUS!!

THANK YOU

OH

HOI THANKS FOR WAITING.

コト

I HAVEN'T EATEN ANY MEAT OTHER THAN 40 YEN CHICKEN BREAST IN SO LONG...

HMM... SOME KIND OF SECURITY JOB.

NAH THIS PERSON WAS WAITING FOR AGES TO EAT, PLUS IT WAS PRETTY GOOD MEAT.

WHAT KIND OF PART TIME JOB LETS YOU...

ARE YOU A GOD?!

DELISH

YUUHI! THIS KIND OF REACTION...

WHERE DO YOU DO SECURITY WORK?

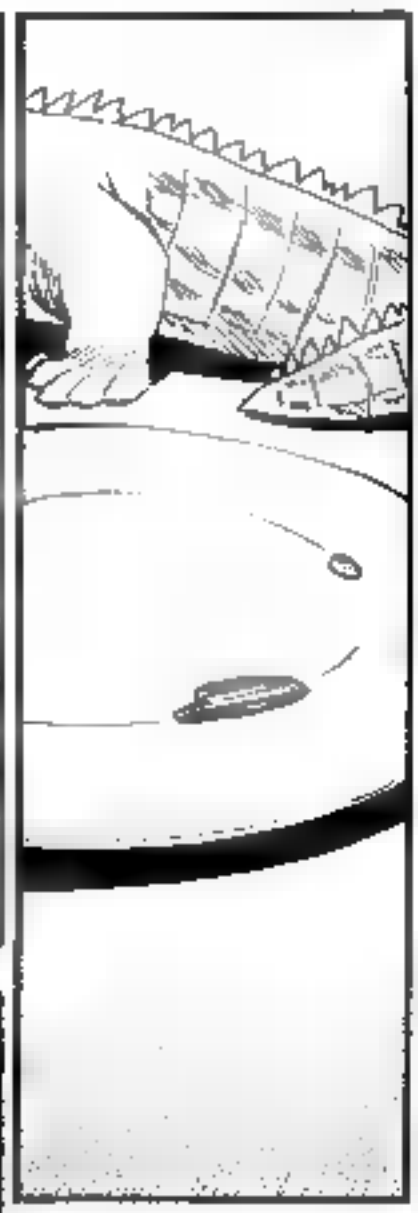
CLASSIFIED

I JUST GOT IT FROM WORK.

THIS IS REALLY GREAT SAKE BY THE WAY.

FIRST, I WANT TO GET ACCREDITATION FROM A TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

SO, YOU WANT TO APPRENTICE IN A HIGH CLASS RESTAURANT AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL?



A GREAT SKILL INDEED.

OOH!? THE CARROT!!

SUKOH

DX

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IT SEEMED TO HAVE A SPECIALISED AND DETAILED OPERATION TO IT.

I FIGURED OUT A GOOD WAY TO USE IT WHILE PLAYING ABOUT AT HOME.

WHAT WAS THA~T?!

WE'RE NEIGHBOURS, COMRADES AND CAN SEE EACH OTHER THROUGH OUR OPPOSING WINDOWS.

WE'RE JUST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, OKAY?

...HEY, YOU HANG AROUND HER A LOT. ARE YOU TWO...?

YOU BIG IDIOT!! IF SOMEONE SAYS THEY'RE "*JUST ORDINARY CHILDHOOD FRIENDS*" THAT'S NEVER THE CASE!!

IT'S FINE BUT HANA-CHAN TOO?

MIKAZUKI-SAN, IF YOU HAVE TIME NEXT WEEK I'D LIKE TO PRACTICE WITH YOU.

IF SHE CAN

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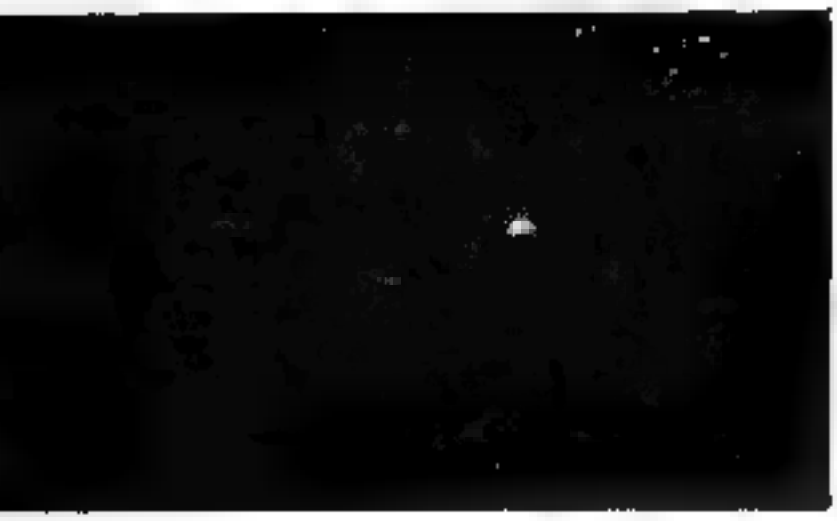
INEX-CUSA-BLE!!
EH? AH
YUU-KUN, SAY SOMETHING!!



...HE'S BECOME PRETTY TAME THOUGH---
....HE FELL ASLEEP.
HE'S NOT USED TO ALCOHOL I GUESS...

...N.....

EARLY APRIL

.....

I'M LANCE LUMIERE

JUST [redacted] CALM AND LISTEN YOU.

M... OUSE?

WHERE DID IT...

SE

MOU

KARAH

YOU'RE NOISY IN THE MORNING, TAROU-KUN.

TALKED~!!

GUU... GREAT, THE USUAL REACTION...!!

HOH~

A PRAYING MANTIS

IT'S BEEN THERE SINCE I AWOKE.

...WHAT'S THAT RIDING ON YOUR HEAD?

...N?

THE MOUSE...

HANAKO!!

TWO KNIGHTS [redacted] NEIGHBOURS IS A GOOD OMEN.

YOU CAN SEE ME THEN LAD.

MY NAME IS KIL ZONNE.

I'M COMING OVER.

TAROU-KUN, STAY RIGHT THERE.

UWAH!? ISN'T IT A [redacted] OMEN!!

LEND US POWER!

DEFEAT THE SCHEMING MAGICIAN'S PLAN TO DESTROY THE EARTH!!

THOU MUST CHOOSE WHETHER TO [redacted] KNIGHTS AND SAVE THE EARTH.

SORANO HANAKO, KUSAKABE TAROU,

DO YOUR BEST TAROU-KUN!

THEN I'LL GO

YOSH! LEAVE IT TO ME!!

WHAT'S WITH THIS EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND SITUATION!? IT'S LIKE AN OLD ANIME.

IT'S FINE TO WISH FOR WHATEVER YOU WANT.

IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR PLEDGE AS A KNIGHT YOU RECEIVE A BOON.

LET GO.

NOW, NOW, NOW

NOW, NOW

NOW, NOW, NOW, NOW

NO WAY.

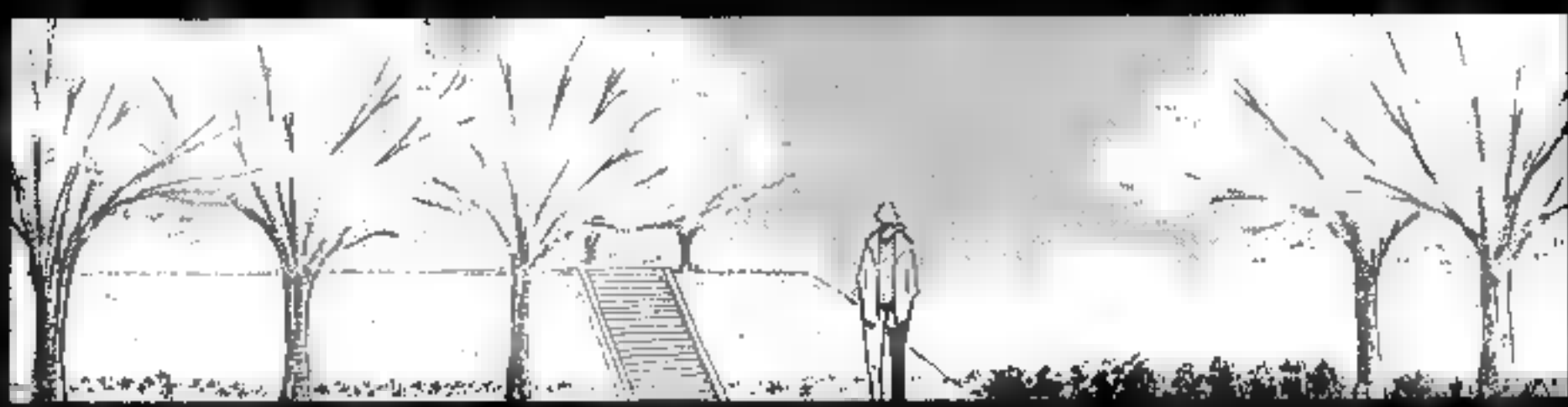
IF WE COULD WE WOULD HAVE

NO CAN DO.

DEFEAT THE MAGICIAN!!

EEH? MONEY... NO... COOKING TALENT... NO...

HUH? THAT?!



I RARELY SEE HER TRUE FEELINGS.

I DON'T SEE [redacted] SMILING FACE.

...BY THE WAY, HANAKO HAS CHANGED SINCE SHE WAS A CHILD.

IMPOSS-IBLE

TO HAVE SPRING BREAK NEVER END

IF I LOOK CAREFULLY I MIGHT SEE A NORMAL REACTION THOUGH.

[redacted] DOESN'T CRY, DOESN'T GET ANGRY, DOESN'T GET SCARED

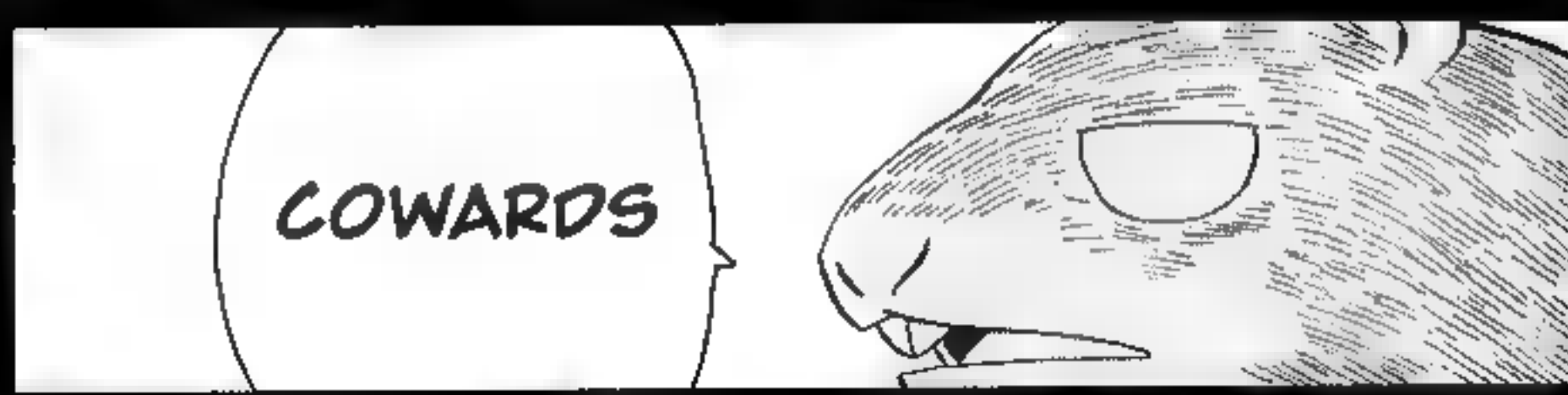
SO SHE HAS A SUPERFICIAL SMILE.

THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS YOU CAN'T WISH FOR THEN?

...THEN WHAT PEOPLE DO YOU LIKE STICKING TO?
...YOU WON'T BE ANGRY?

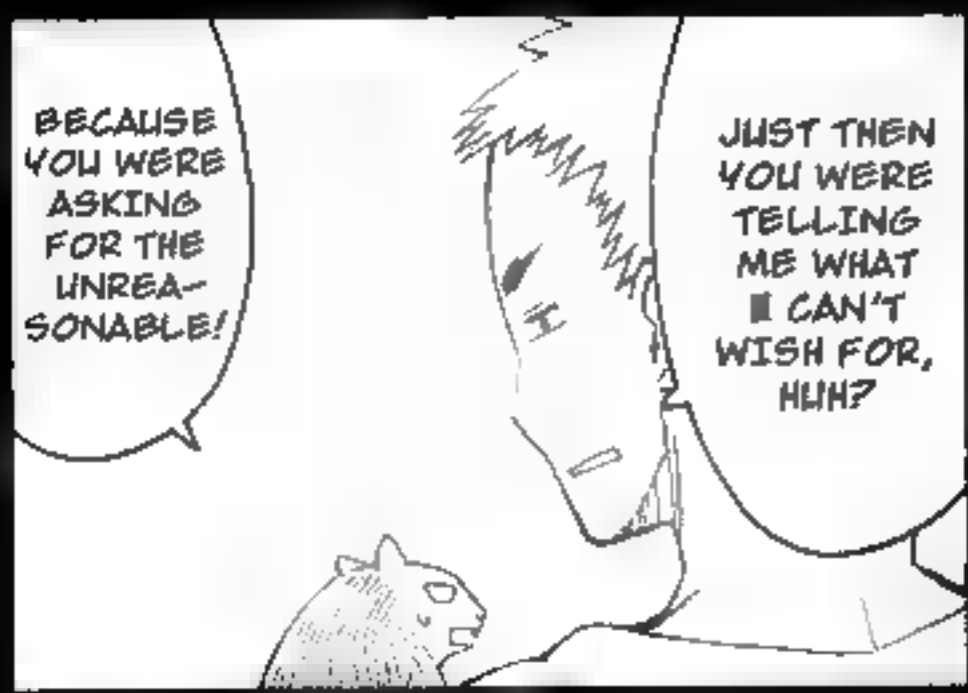
KIL ALWAYS STICKS TO FEARLESS PEOPLE.
HE DISLIKES FEARFULNESS.

SO THAT'S IT... THAT'S WHY HE...
...IT WASN'T LIKE THAT IN THE PAST...
WHAT?


COWARDS

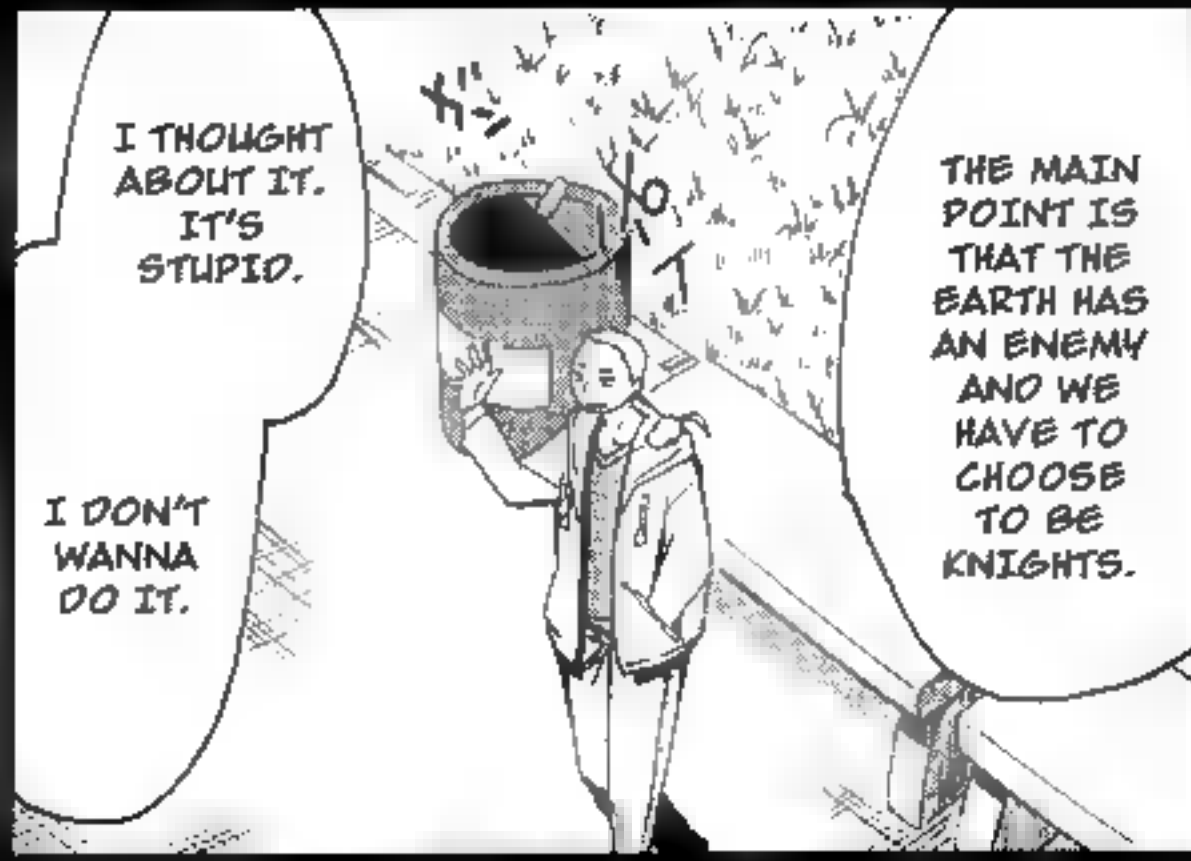
U~N
REVIVING THE DEAD IS IMPOSSIBLE. INJURIES [redacted] SICKNESS HOWEVER...
BRUCE LEE ...NO, RESURRECT ANDY FUGU
...N

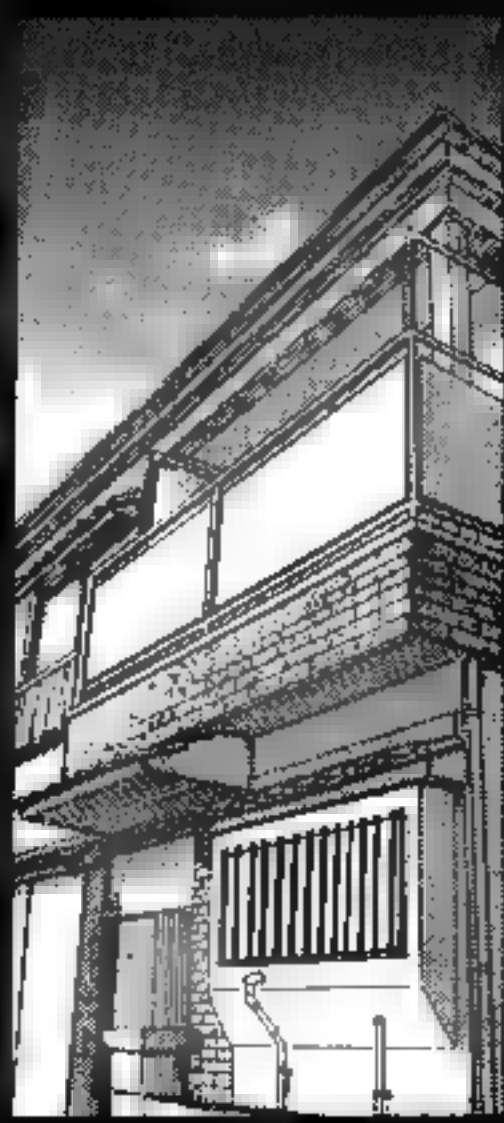
WHAT WAS THAT?!
GYAH!! IT... IT HURTS! YOUR ANGRY YELL IS PROOF OF YOUR SMALL CALIBRE!!
GUU... AND WHAT, YOU'RE A MOUSE KING...!!?
KI...N


BECAUSE YOU WERE ASKING FOR THE UNREA-SONABLE!
JUST THEN YOU WERE TELLING ME WHAT I CAN'T WISH FOR, HUH?

...SO IT'S FINE TO DO IT ANYWHERE?
WHAT IS?

WHA-?!
IT'S LIKE A BAD MANGA.


I THOUGHT ABOUT IT. IT'S STUPID.
I DON'T WANNA DO IT.
THE MAIN POINT IS THAT THE EARTH HAS AN ENEMY AND WE HAVE TO CHOOSE TO BE KNIGHTS.



AH- MY I'VE WASTED A PRECIOUS DAY OF MY SPRING BREAK.
WE'RE NOT SOME DELUSION OF YOURS!
LISTEN TO ME

YEP
THANKS FOR THE FOOD.

YUP
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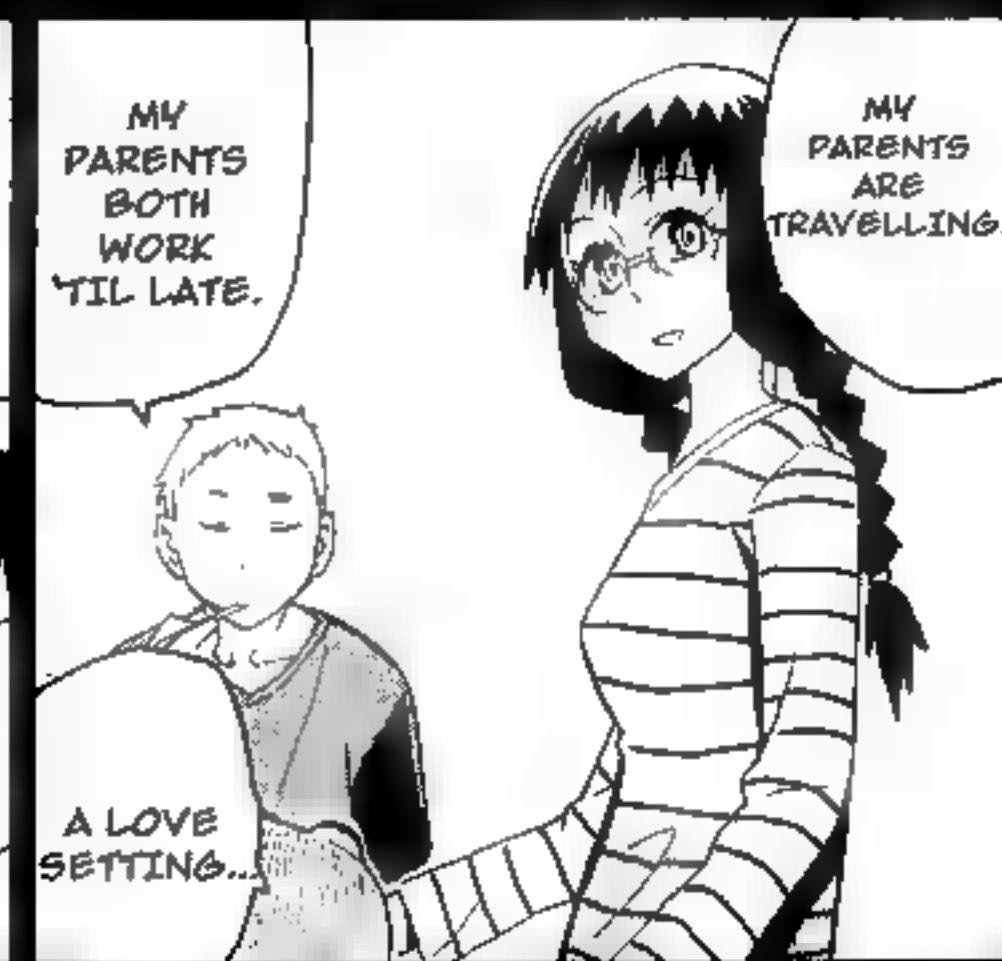
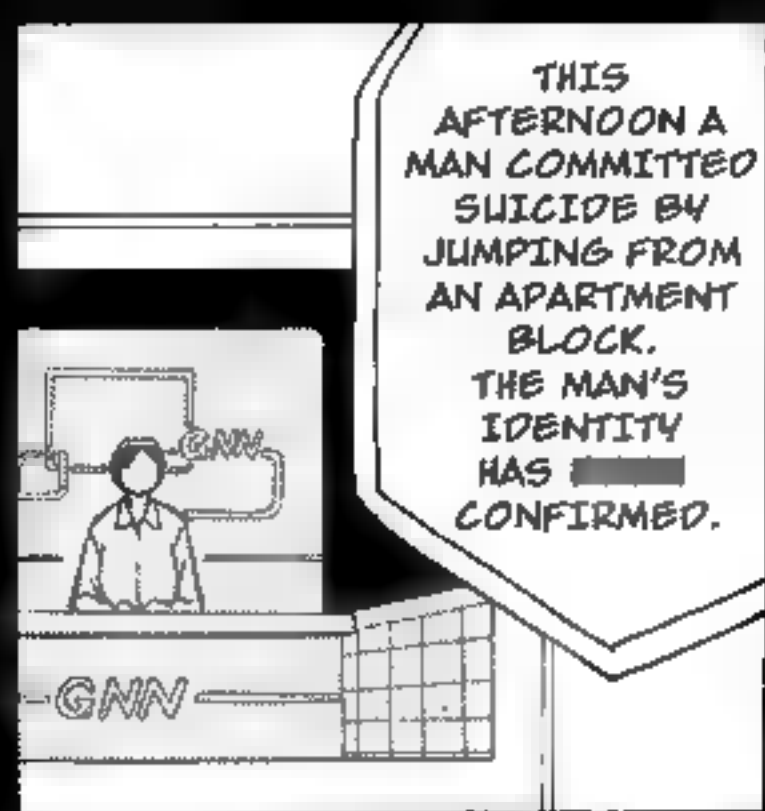
HAH? THAT'S WRONG—

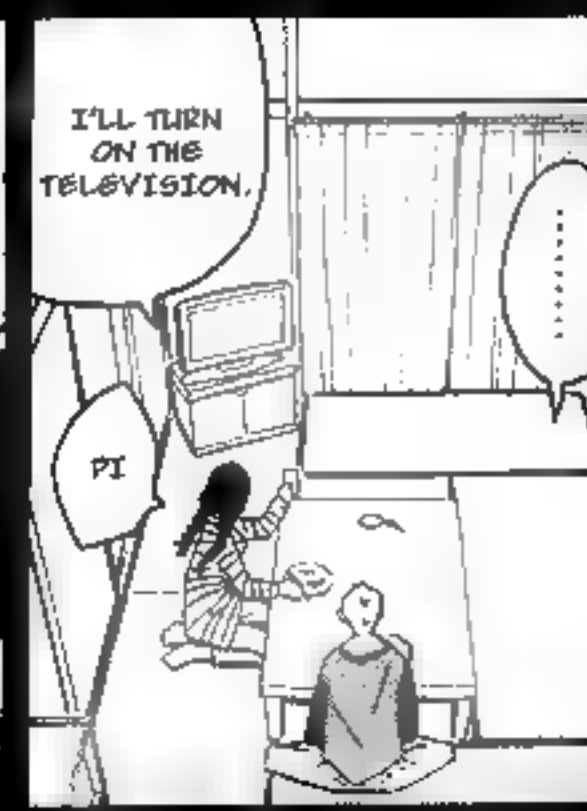
WE LOOK MORE LIKE SIBLINGS REALLY.


MY PARENTS BOTH WORK 'TIL LATE.
MY PARENTS ARE TRAVELLING.
A LOVE SETTING...

WHY ARE YOU EATING HERE?


THIS AFTERNOON A MAN COMMITTED SUICIDE BY JUMPING FROM AN APARTMENT BLOCK. THE MAN'S IDENTITY HAS [redacted] CONFIRMED.
GNN
GNN

THE NEXT NEWS STORY
...BY FRI-DAY.


I'LL TURN ON THE TELEVISION.
.....
PI

WHAT DID?

NATURALLY

AH. IT REALLY HAPPENED.

THIS IS MY DOING.

IT [redacted] THOUGHT HE WAS IN HIDING. ALL THE DETAILS OF HIS CRIMES WERE RECORDED IN A SUICIDE NOTE.

THE MAN WAS A WANTED THIEF WHO COMMITTED MURDER IN THE COURSE OF A ROBBERY.

.....

WHAT DID... YOU DO?

.....

MY WISH WAS TO KILL HIM.

AT NOON I SAW THE REPORT ON TELEVISION AND THOUGHT HE WAS A BAD GUY.

DID YOU PROPERLY EXPLAIN TO HANAKO ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES?

OI.... KIL, KIL ZONNE.

AAH

WAS THAT REALLY WHAT YOU...?

SERIOUSLY?

.....

YOUR MORTALITY INCREASES!!

IF YOU WISH FOR SOMEONE TO DIE YOU CARRY THEIR KARMA.

ABOUT WHAT?

!!

YOU DIRTY BASTARD...!!

HOWEVER, THE DESIRES OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE RING ARE REASON ENOUGH TO NOT REFUSE.

AH, A MOMENTARY LAPSE.

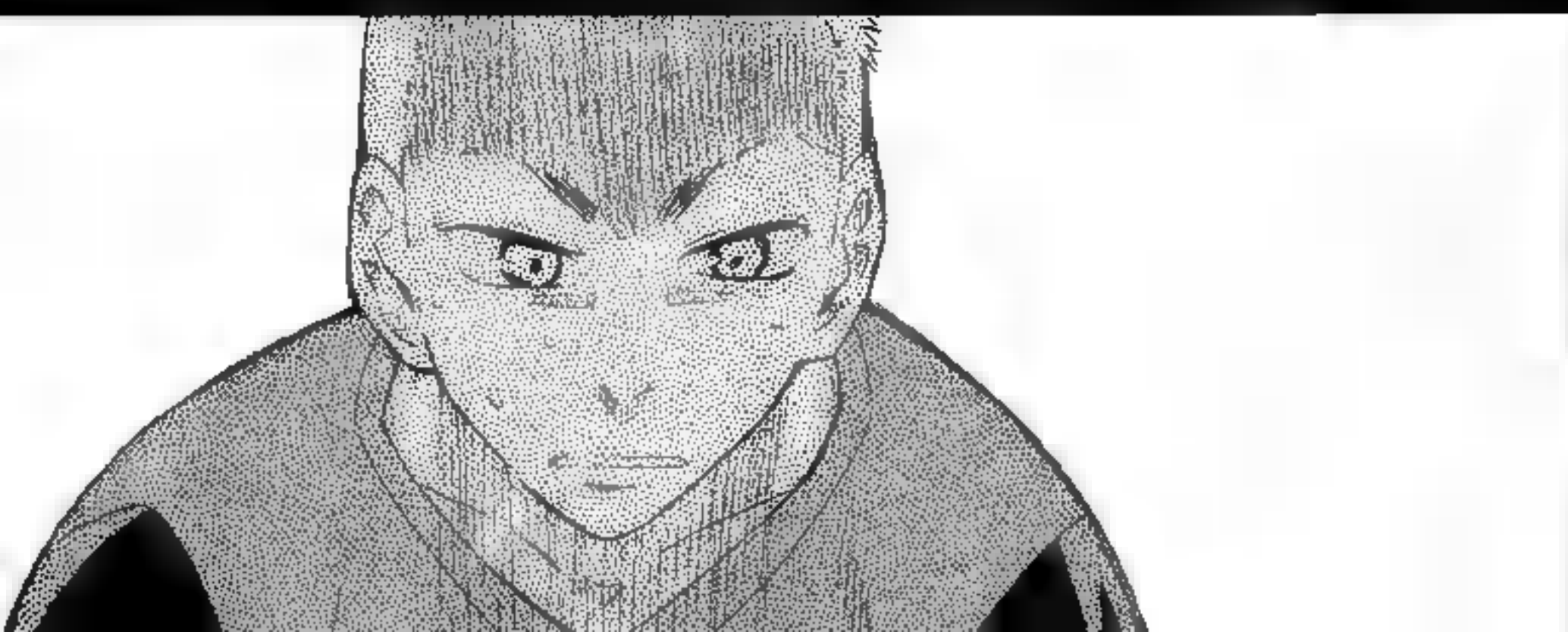
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BRAVERY!!
DID YOU JUST DISCARD ALL CONSIDERATION OUT OF THE BASIN THAT IS YOUR HEAD?

A HERO'S BATTLE IS ALWAYS NEXT TO DEATH.
MORE IMPORTANTLY I HAVE A BRAVE SOLDIER.

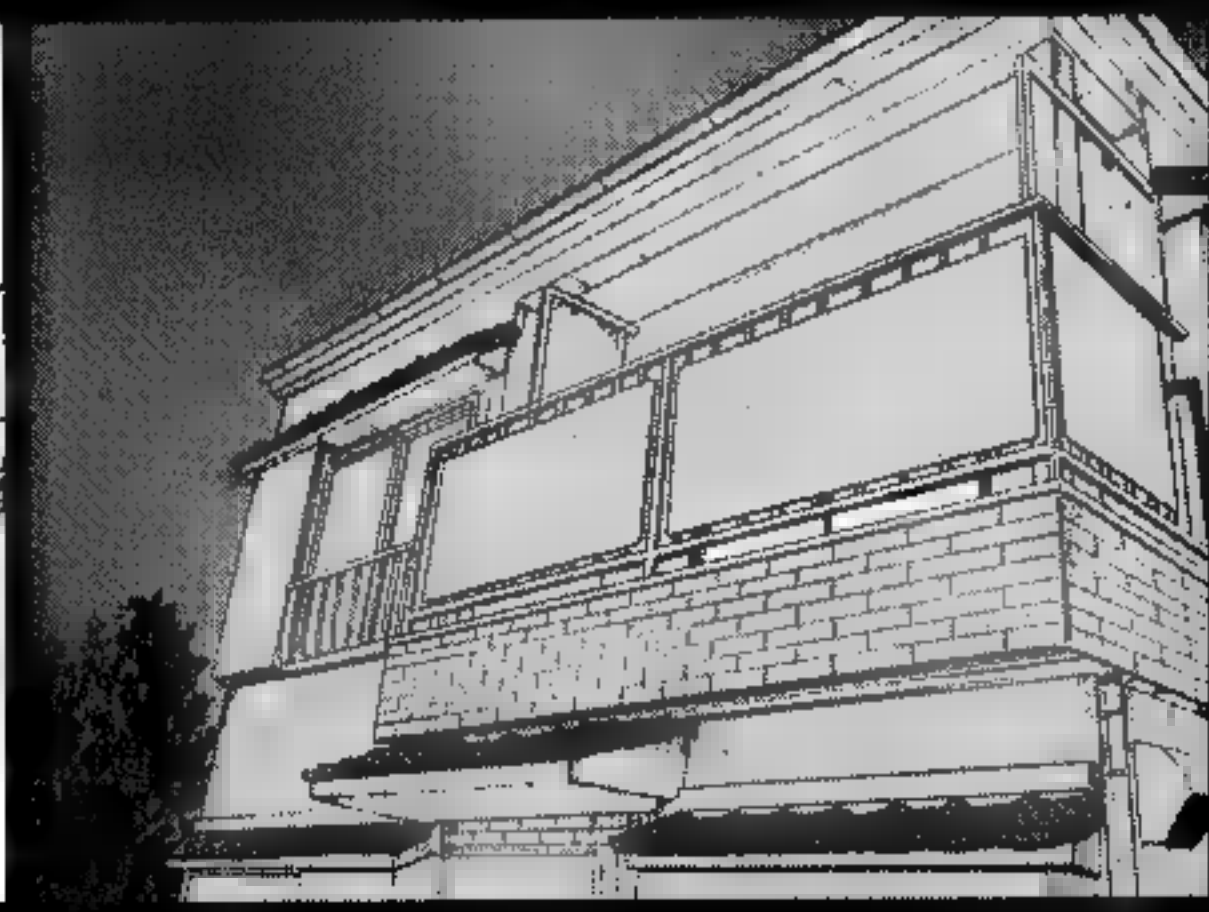
IT'S OKAY LANCE. I'LL BE CAREFUL.
ALSO IF THAT'S THE CASE...

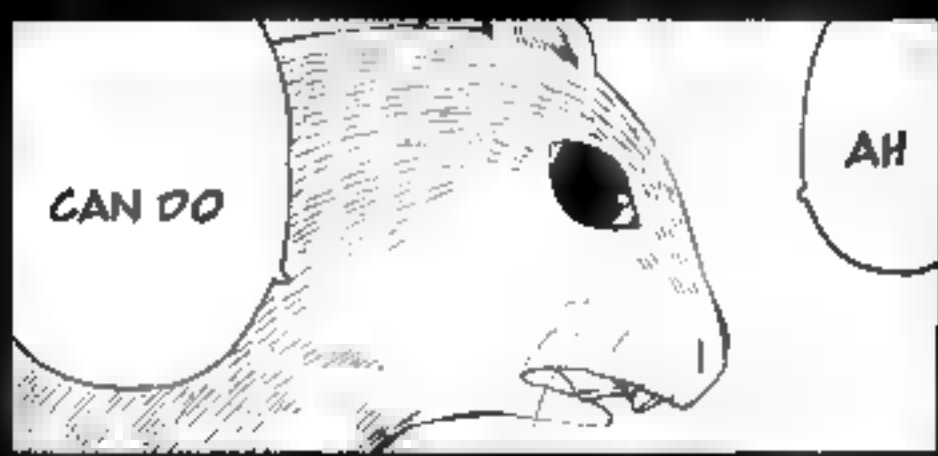
.....
HEY NOW, YOU TWO STOP FIGHTING.

I'LL JUST SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.
...WHATEVER



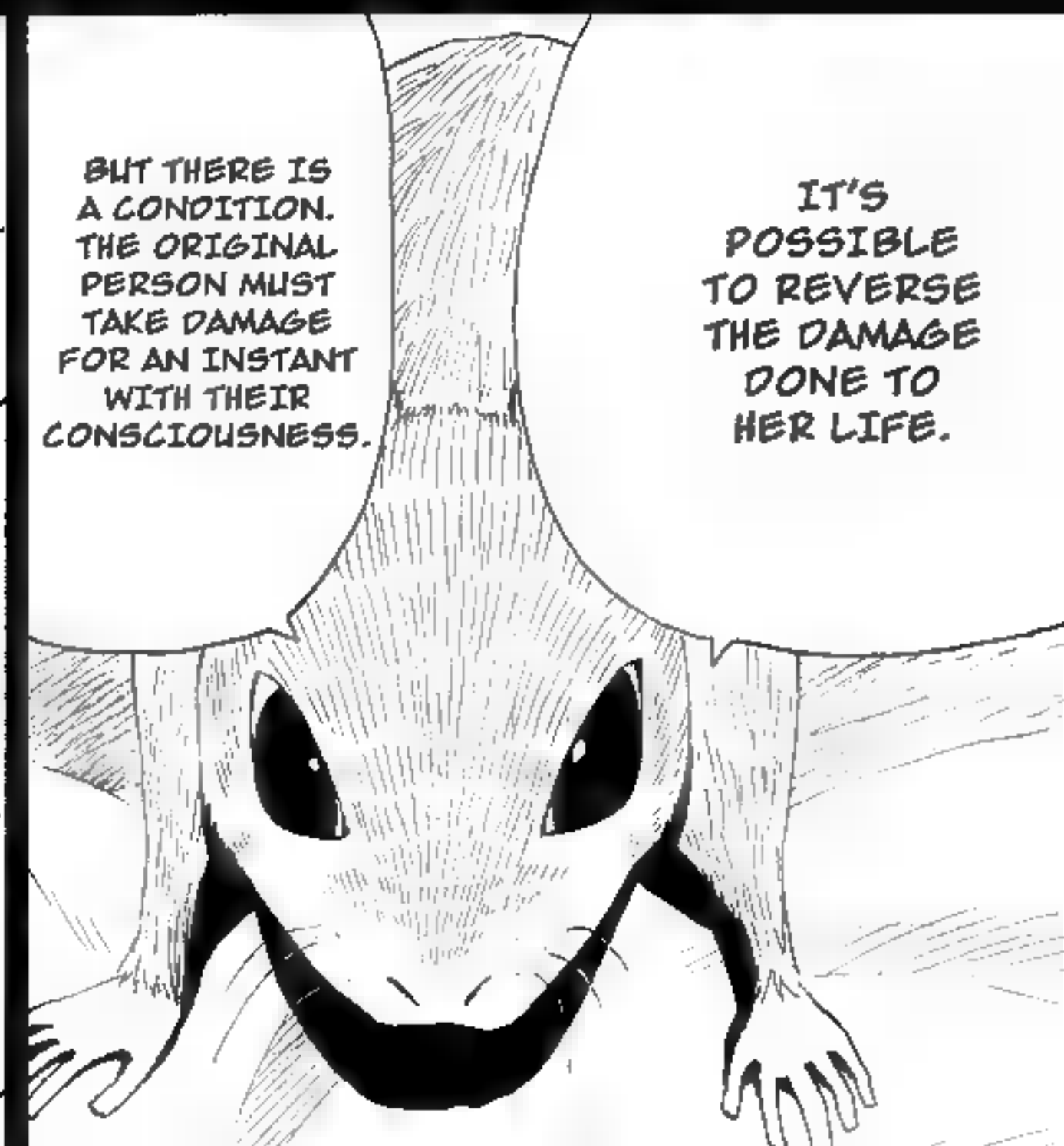
SO YOU WANT THIS?
I GOT IT....




CAN DO
AH

CAN YOU DO IT?

THE DEAD PERSON CAN'T BE RESTORED TO LIFE.
IN SHORT, IT WASN'T AN INSTANT DEATH.


BUT THERE IS A CONDITION. THE ORIGINAL PERSON MUST TAKE DAMAGE FOR AN INSTANT WITH THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS.
IT'S POSSIBLE TO REVERSE THE DAMAGE DONE TO HER LIFE.

IT'S A NICE THOUGHT, BUT YOU WON'T HAVE ANY INVINCIBLE TECHNIQUES.

IN THE CASE OF A MISFIRE THE RISK IS ENORMOUS.

THE ENEMIES [redacted] CLAY DOLLS WHOSE ATTACK POWER EXCEEDS A HUMAN KNIGHT'S DEFENSIVE POWERS.

IN ANY CASE, THAT'S JUST AN ORDINARY DEFENCE MECHANISM.

IT'S FINE. I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT ALL THAT.

I WILL PROTECT HER

EVEN IN THE WORST SCENARIO, I WILL PUSH MY BODY TO THE LIMIT.

IF IT'S FOR HER I'LL D-D-D-DO IT

EVEN IF THE E-E-ENEMY IS UNIMAGINABLY SCARY

BECAUSE SHE'S THE GIRL I LIKE!!

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING BUT

EVEN THOUGH WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER

YOU'RE A TRUE MAN

KATA

KATA

KATA

KATA

KUSAKABE TAROU!!

LANCE LUMIERE!

GATA

GATA

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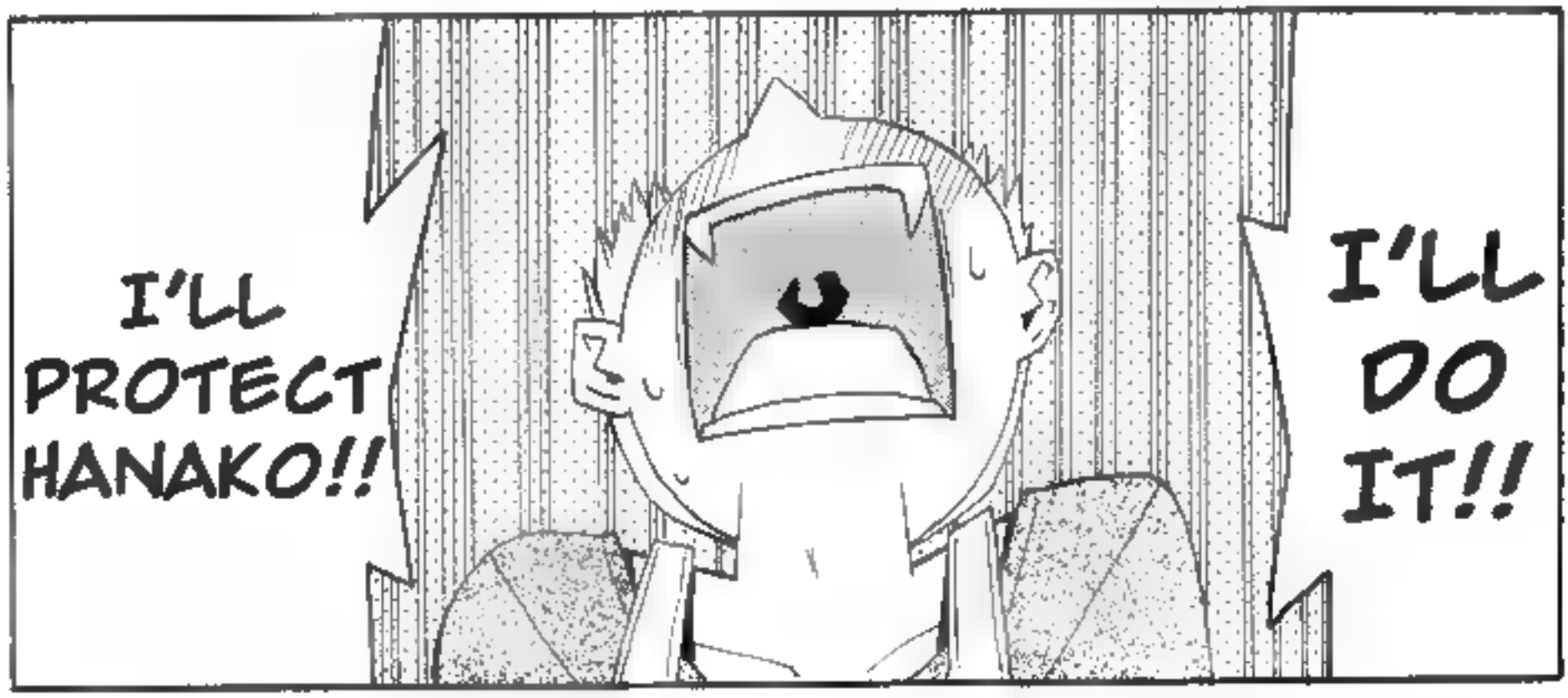
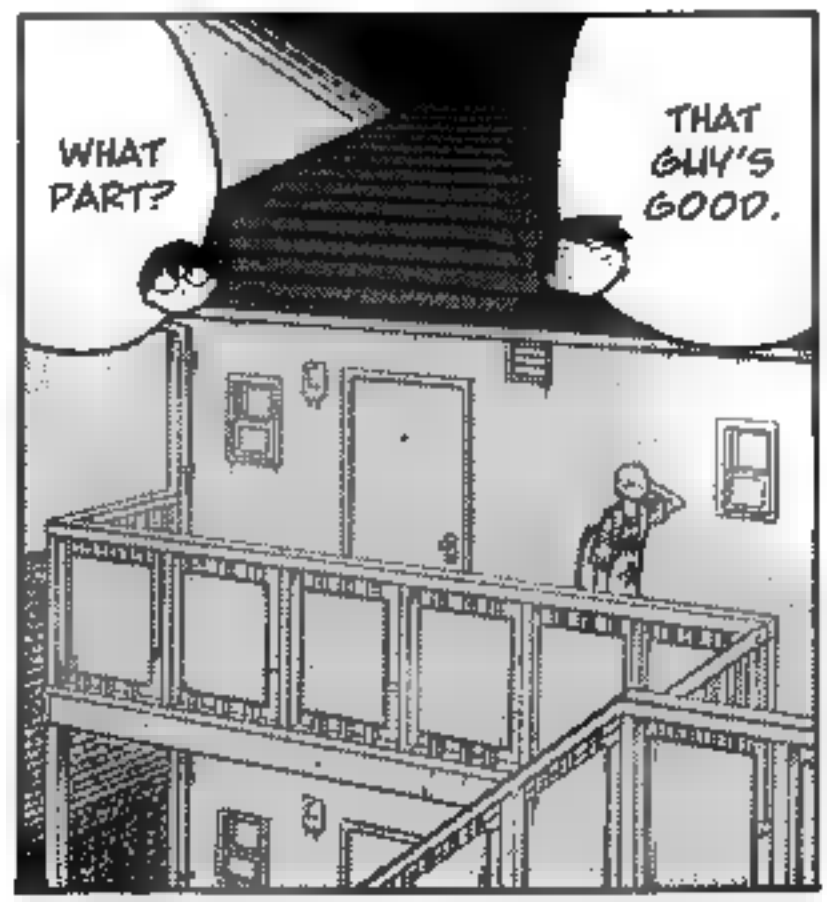
GATA

AND I'M A MAN RIGHT?


I'LL PROTECT HANAKO!!
I'LL DO IT!!

..PROTECT THE PRINCESS
..PROTECT THE PRINCESS
..PROTECT THE PRINCESS
...WHA?
背脂


WHAT PART?
THAT GUY'S GOOD.

THEN I'M OFF.
OKAY

YEP
AH... I WAS ASLEEP?
IT'S LATE.
ABOUT TIME TO LEAVE

YUU-KUN ■ HAVE SOME MATH PROBLEMS I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT.

LIKE A GALGE!?

IT'S LIKE AN 80'S LOVE COMEDY

HOW ■ CAN MEET HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND WITH SUCH EASY ACCESS THROUGH THE HOUSE'S WINDOW!?

SFX: DA DA DA DA

※TRANSLATION: YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE LUCKY BASTARDS TOO DAMN IT

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※YUU-KUN IS MY BRUTUS!!

TL: DRUNK SLUR

ISH PAST CHILDREN'S BEDTIME, TORIKO.

TL: DRUNK

HULLO, WHAT IS IT?

I'M NOT A CHILD, I PAY ADULT FARES.

IT'S SUBARU.

YOU REEK OF BOOZE.

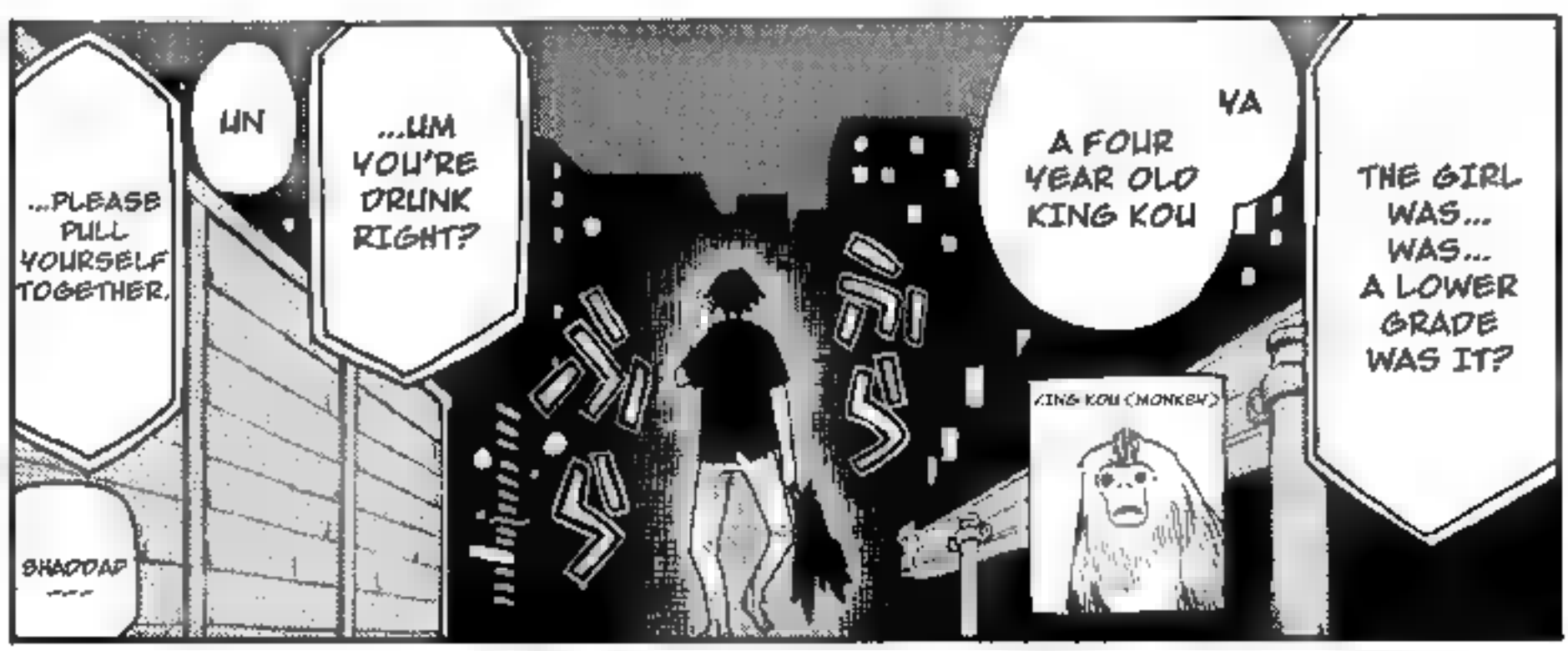
LIKE HERE BUT...

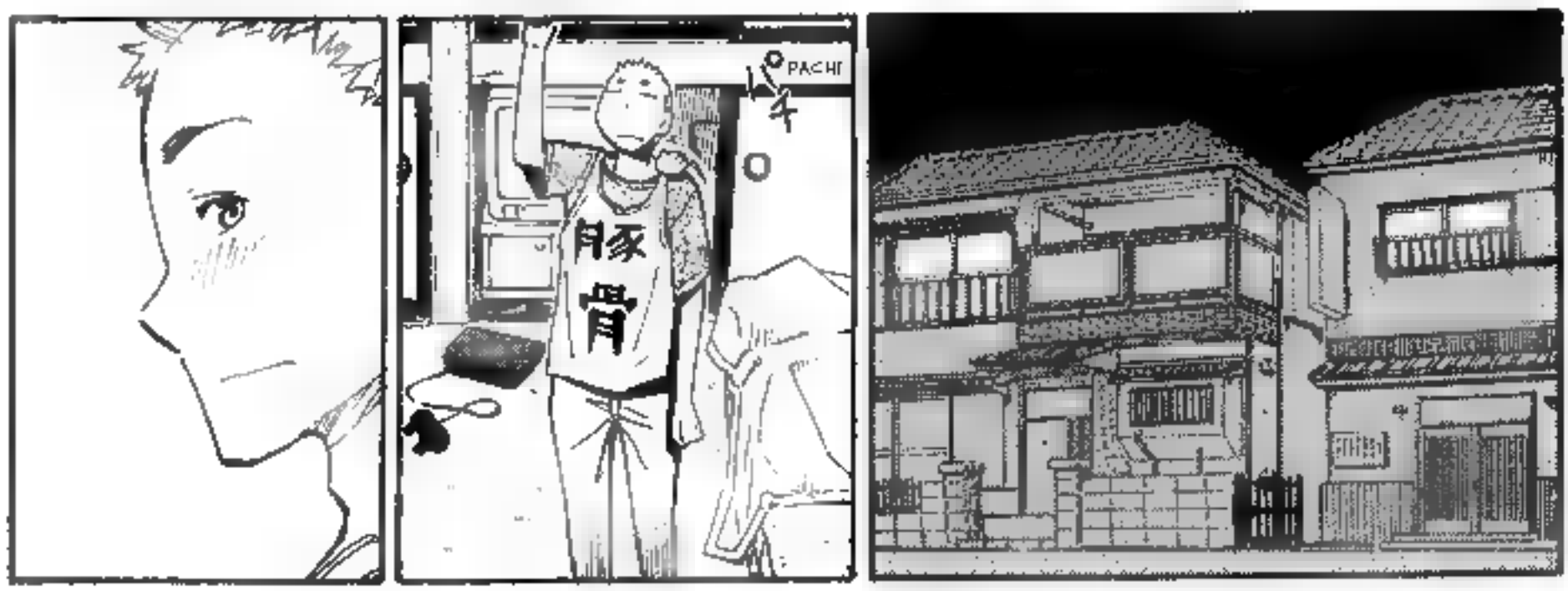
...UN

PLEASE ACT LIKE A PROPER ADULT.
DRANK TOO MUCH---

MY FIRST LOVE WAS MIDDLE THIRD YEAR---
WHAT'S THAT, SECOND YEAR?
WO-T? YOU'RE LECTURING ME? UM SECOND YEAR----
HE... HE---

WH-Y?
IS IT ALRIGHT TO GO SEARCH TOMORROW?
...YOUR VOICE IS STRANGE. IS IT A COLD?


...PLEASE PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER.
UN
...UM YOU'RE DRUNK RIGHT?
SHADDAP ---
YA
A FOUR YEAR OLD KING KOU
KING KOU (MONKEY)
THE GIRL WAS... WAS... A LOWER GRADE WAS IT?


PACHI
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I WILL DO I~T!!!

CHAPTER 26/ END

SOME-WHERE HIGH ABOVE THE CLOUDS.
IN THE DREAM, I CAN OVERSEE THE EARTH.
I HAD THE SAME DREAM AGAIN.
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER KNIGHTS...
AM I THE ONLY ONE WITNESSING THIS DREAM?
...I'VE [redacted] WONDERING.
NUFUFU... THIS IS A GOOD SIGHT.

THEN ANY-ONE CAN.

IF HE/SHE RECEIVES AN INVITATION FROM PRINCESS ANIMA OR MYSELF,

CHAPTER 27
THE MAGICIAN AND HYOU SHIMAI

GOOD EVENING, ANIMUS.

GOOD EVE-NING.

HEY SHI-MAKI-KUN.

.....

WHAT SHALL WE TALK ABOUT TODAY ....

I FOUND A GOOD RESTAURANT NEARBY.

RECENTLY, I'VE COME TO LIKE CHINESE FOOD A LOT.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE, SHIMAKI-KUN?

LET'S TALK ABOUT COOKING.

WHEREVER YOU GO GOOD FOOD TASTES GOOD. COOKS ARE AMAZING.

THEY'RE JUST LIKE.... MAGICIANS.

EVEN IF YOU CAN TRICK A PERSON'S EMOTIONS WITH AN IMAGINARY ENEMY NATION, YOU CAN'T TRICK THE TONGUE.

THIS IS HOW I THINK. EVEN THOUGH COOKING HAS DIFFERENT PROPERTIES THERE ARE NO BOUNDARIES.

THAT'S GOOD.

I SEE... CAN YOU USE CHOPSTICKS?

I ESPECIALLY LOVE SOBA.

I LIKE JAPANESE FOOD.

WHAT KIND OF COOKING DO YOU LIKE?

A MAGICIAN, HUH?

SO IT CAN'T BE YOUR REAL NAME.

WELL, ANIMUS IS A PSYCHOLOGICAL TERM.

SCRATCH

SCRATCH

HAHAHA

I'M JAPANESE, YOU KNOW?

FOR MY GENERATION, IT'S A COMMON NAME.

NO, ANIMUS IS MY REAL NAME.

STATIC

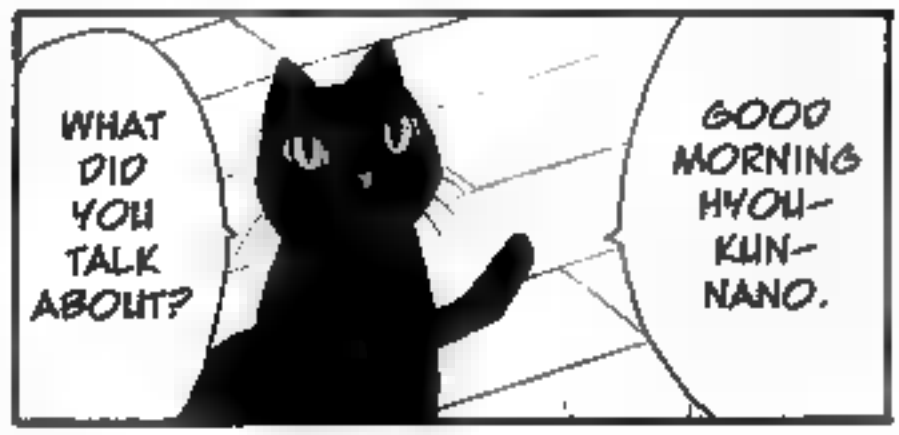
GENERATION?

.....

.....
CLICK

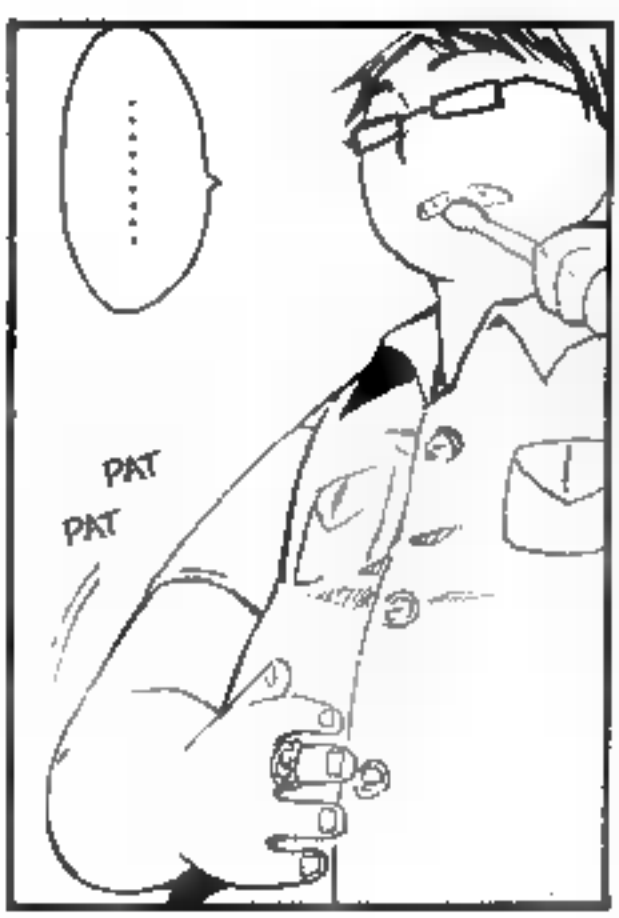
STATIC

WE TALKED ABOUT COOKING... I THINK...
GOOD MORNING COO.


WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?
GOOD MORNING HYOU-KUN-NANO.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE THE CLOSEST TO A MAGICIAN.

BUT WHY DOES ANIMUS TALK TO ME SO MUCH?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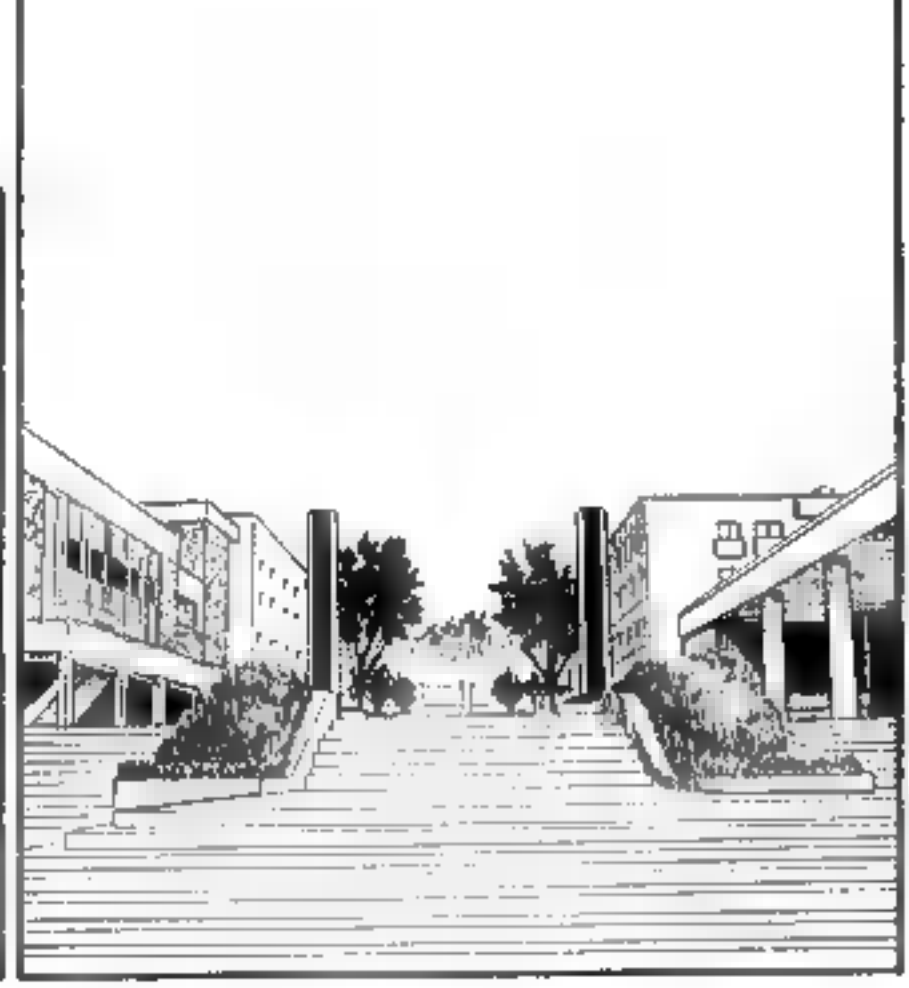
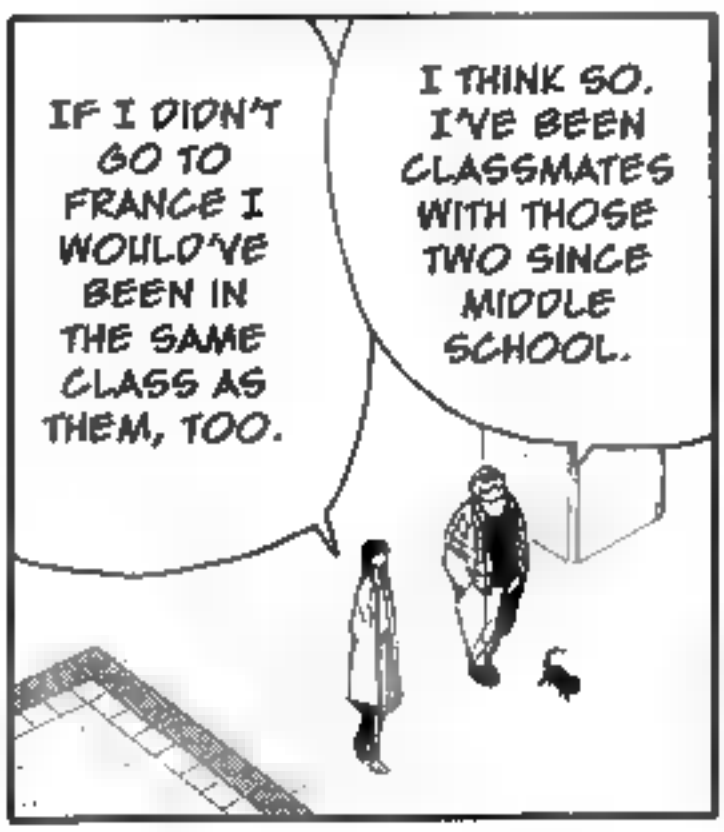


IS THAT SO ....?

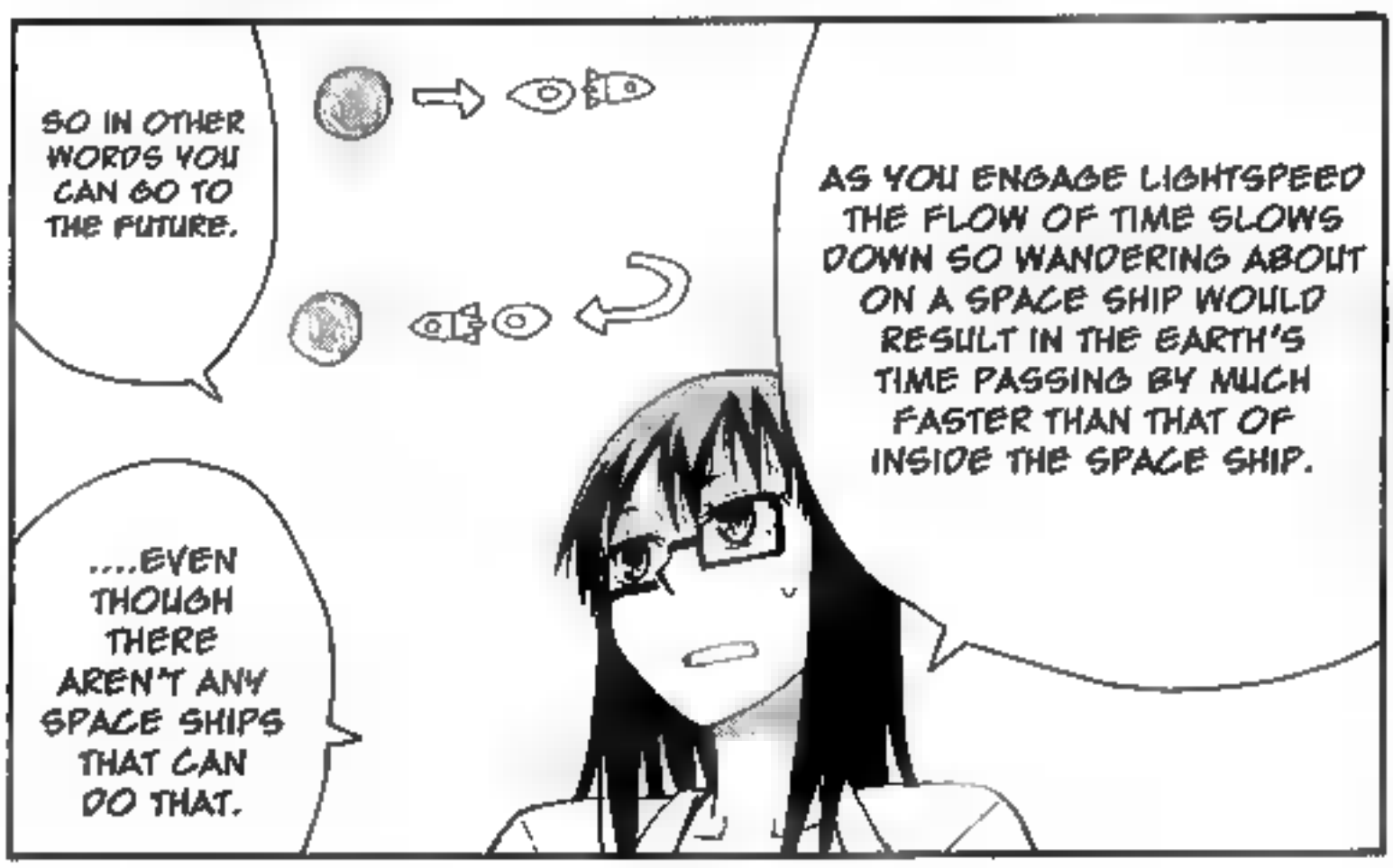
YO, SHI-MAKI.
THERE HE IS.
OH


IF I DIDN'T GO TO FRANCE I WOULD'VE BEEN IN THE SAME CLASS AS THEM, TOO.
I THINK SO. I'VE BEEN CLASSMATES WITH THOSE TWO SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

ANYWAY, CAN YOU MAKE IT TO THE WEDDING?
AH, THANKS.

THIS IS WHAT YOU ASKED FOR.
HEY~.
YOUR STOMACH IS AS ALWAYS.
PLUSH

YEAH.
HUH? A TIME MACHINE?


SO IN OTHER WORDS YOU CAN GO TO THE FUTURE.
AS YOU ENGAGE LIGHTSPEED THE FLOW OF TIME SLOWS DOWN SO WANDERING ABOUT ON A SPACE SHIP WOULD RESULT IN THE EARTH'S TIME PASSING BY MUCH FASTER THAN THAT OF INSIDE THE SPACE SHIP.
....EVEN THOUGH THERE AREN'T ANY SPACE SHIPS THAT CAN DO THAT.

YOU THINK IT'S POSS-IBLE?

N■■GAAAH.....

UH..... THERE'S A THEORY CALLED MAXWELL'S MAGNETIC THEORY BUT...

HUH?

TIME REVER-SAL~?

WHAT ABOUT THE PAST?

YOUR MAJOR IS PSYCHOLOGY, RIGHT?

?

SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS THAN ME?

CAN'T THAT BE CONSIDERED AS THE TIME REVERSAL OF INFORMATION?

IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS PRECOGNITION,

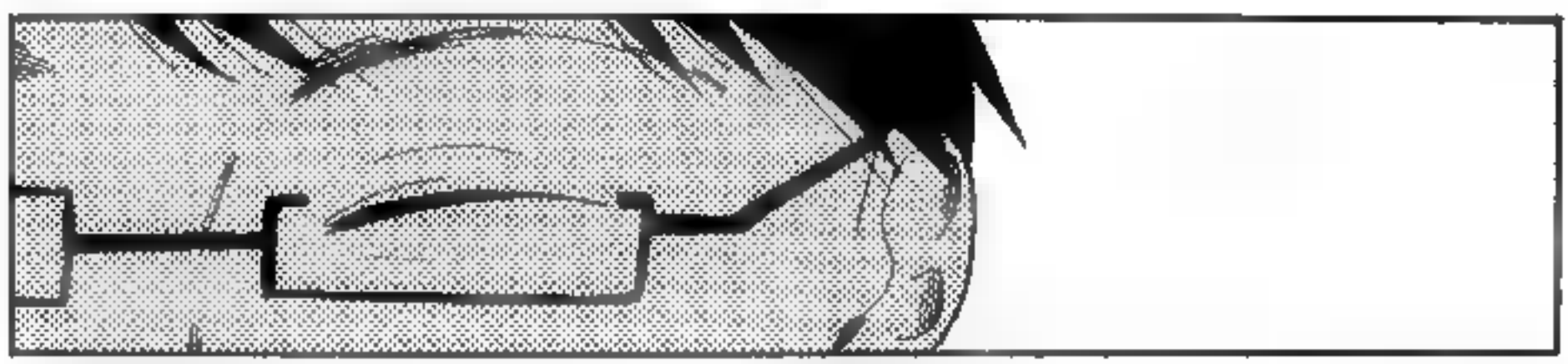
ISN'T THERE ANYONE STUDYING PSYCHO-KINESIS?

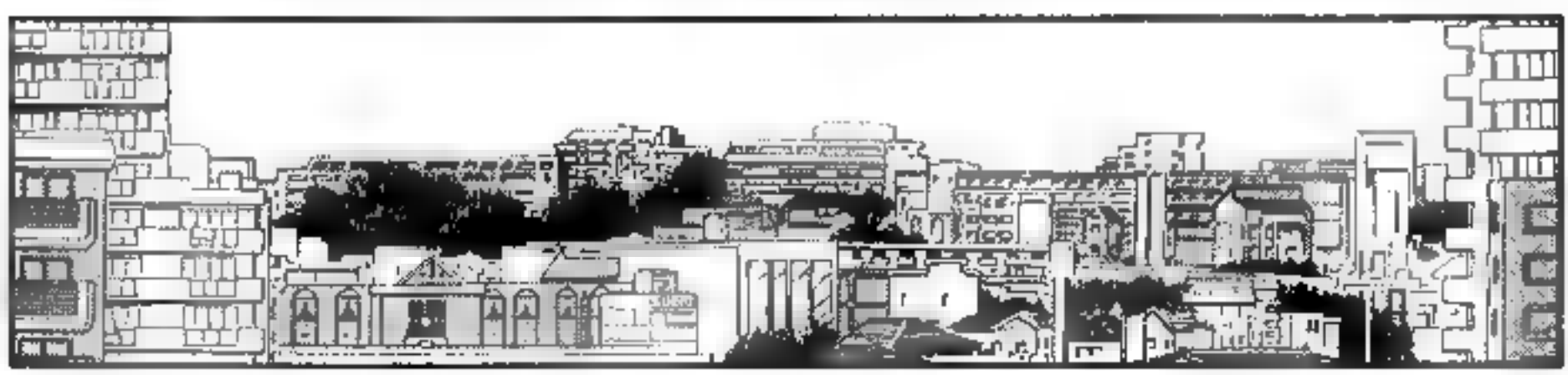
THAT'S A STEREO-TYPE.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM PSYCHOLOGY?

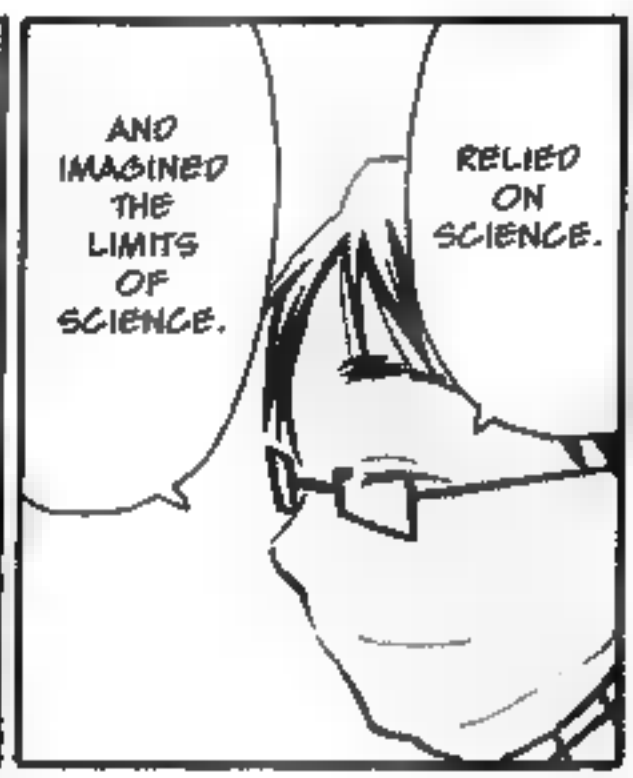
THIS REAL PRECOGNITION WOULD GO BEYOND THE FIELD AND ASSUMPTIONS OF ACCURATE CALCULATIONS.

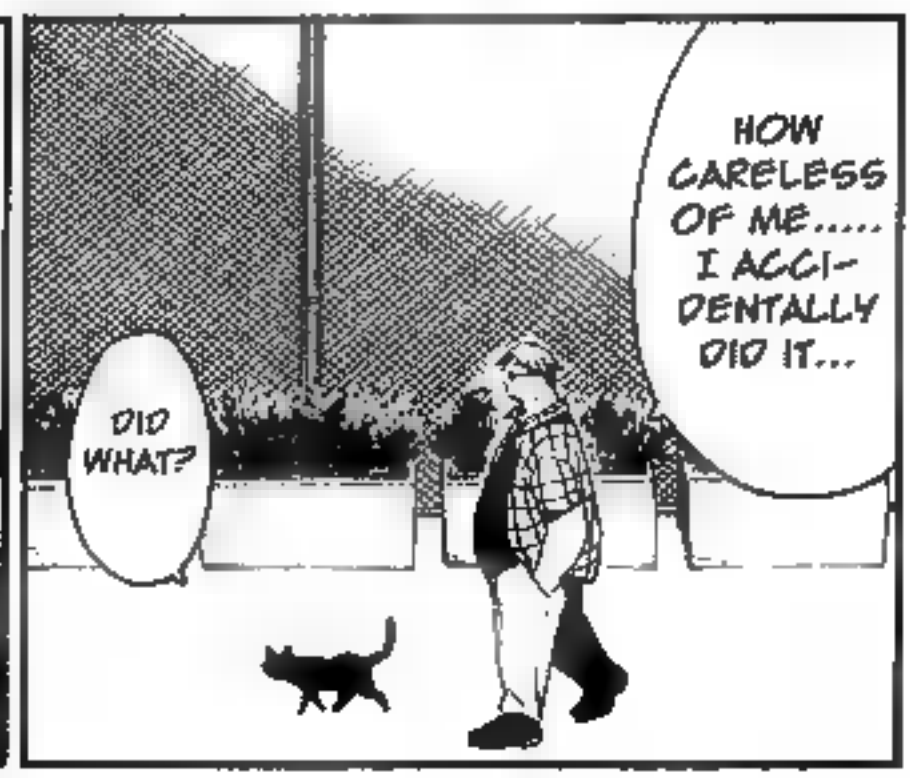
ALTHOUGH, TIME MACHINES FIT UNDER THE OCCULT CATEGORY.
IF THAT EXISTS THEN IT WOULD PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF TIME REVERSAL OF INFORMATION.





... WHAT THE HECK.

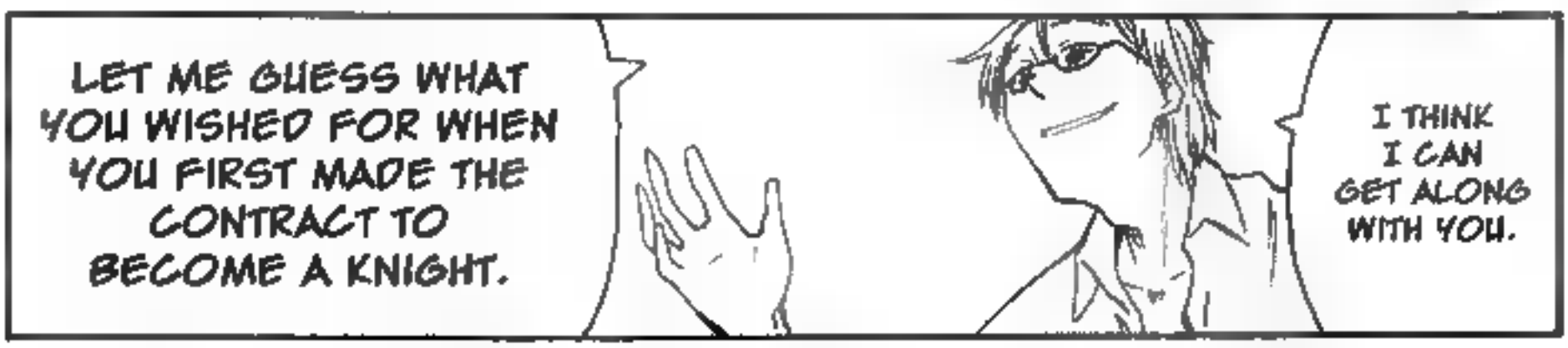

AND IMAGINED THE LIMITS OF SCIENCE.
RELIED ON SCIENCE.


DID WHAT?
HOW CARELESS OF ME..... I ACCI-DENTALLY DID IT...

!
SO YOU EXPECTED THE EXISTENCE OF A TIME MACHINE, CORRECT?
IN THE DREAM I SAID "IN MY GENERATION",
A... ANIMUS!
HEY.
...CAN'T YOU DO SOME-THING WITH THAT OUTFIT?
AND I DON'T WANT TO.
I CAN'T
SINCE WHEN WERE WE FRIENDS?
HEY, SHIMAKI-KUN...
I CAN'T SEE A FRIEND WITHOUT A REASON?
... WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WELL, IT WOULD BE A LIE SAYING THAT I CAN'T BUT THIS IS MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE.

ABANDON-ING THE PRINCESS AND THE KNIGHTS AND THE EARTH...?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN MY SIDE?



YOU'VE TRIED TO LEARN ALL ABOUT SPACE, HAVEN'T YOU?

THE POSSESSION OF THE AKASHIC RECORDS.*

* THE AKASHIC RECORDS IS A TERM USED TO DESCRIBE A DATABANK THAT CONSISTS OF RECORDS OF THE PAST, FUTURE, HUMANITY AND ALL OF THE UNIVERSE WITHIN THE SPACE TIME CONTINUUM.

WEREN'T YOU TRYING TO BECOME AN EXISTENCE OF ALL-KNOWING?

ALTHOUGH COO SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

HM.....

THAT DESIRE YOU HAVE ■ PROOF THAT YOU ARE CLOSE TO ME.

IF I ■ ABLE TO DO SO THEN I WOULD BECOME A MAGICIAN OR AN EXISTENCE MUCH GREATER THAN THAT...

THAT IS WHY.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE SAME DESIRE AS ME,

LET'S GRASP THE MYSTERIES OF THE UNIVERSE TOGETHER.

COME.

SFX: BONK!

DESTROY HIM, SUBARU!! YUKAMACHI!!
THAT'S ANIMUS, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!!
GET AWAY FROM SHIMAKI-SAN!!

I FOUND YOU, MAGICIAN!

OH..IT'S THE CHICKEN GIRL AND THE TURTLE GIRL. HELLO THERE YOU TWO.
OW OW OW...

SUBA-RU-CHAN!
YUKI-CHAN!

OKAY SUBA-RU-CHAN!!

SHUT UP!!

LET'S GO YUKI!!

SFX: BAM

SFX: BAM

SFX: RRRRR

SFX: HURRR

W-WAIT!!

!

LIFT

SEE YA.

SHIMAKI-KUN, LET ME HEAR YOUR ANSWER LATER.

U-M. I THINK I'LL RETREAT FOR TODAY.

"WE ARE ALL HU-MANS"

...HE SAID.

A MESS-AGE FROM OUR MAS-TER!!

MAGI-CIAN!!

...HM?

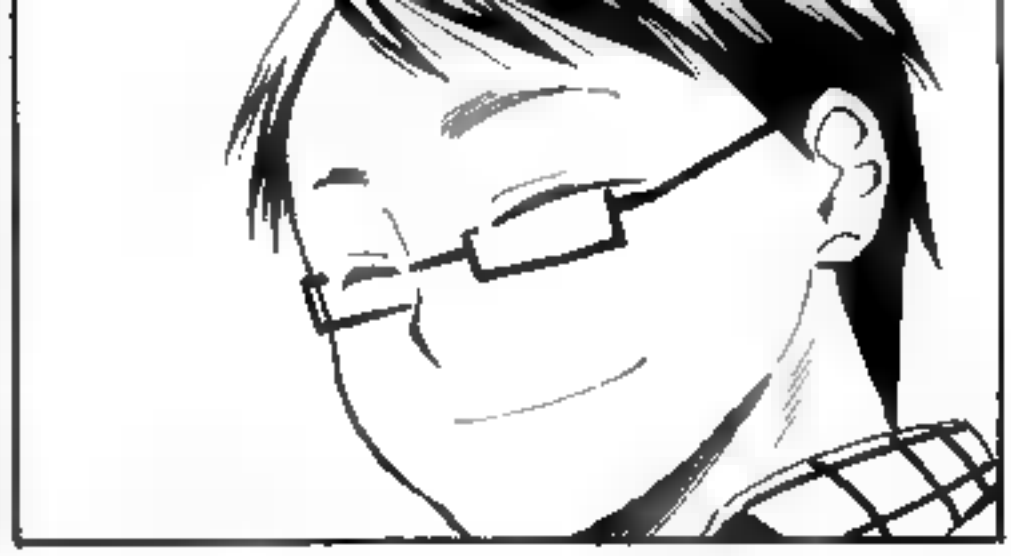
STEP

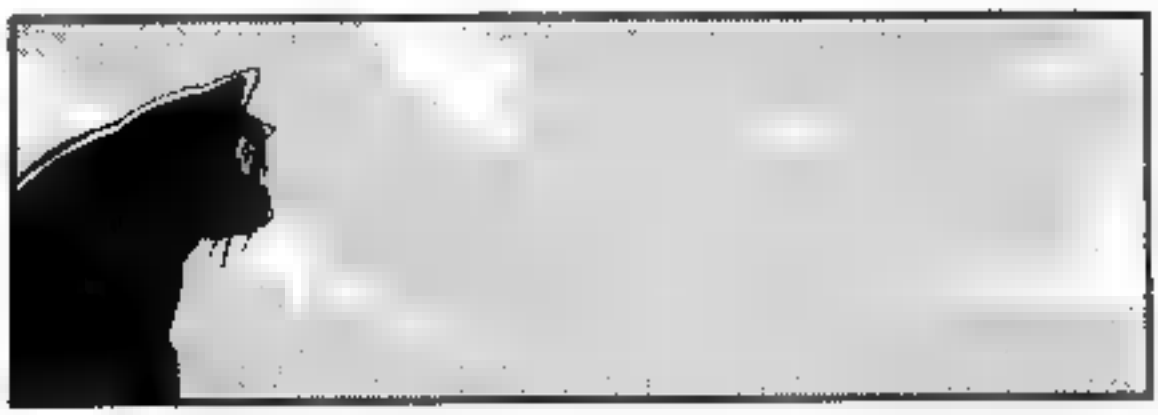
THANK YOU.

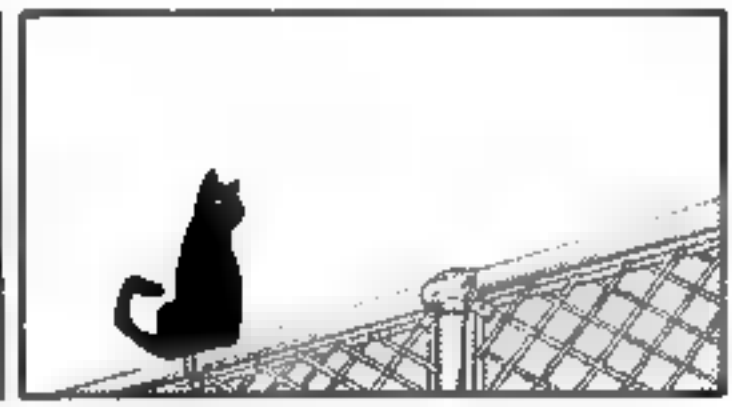
YEAH, I'M OKAY.

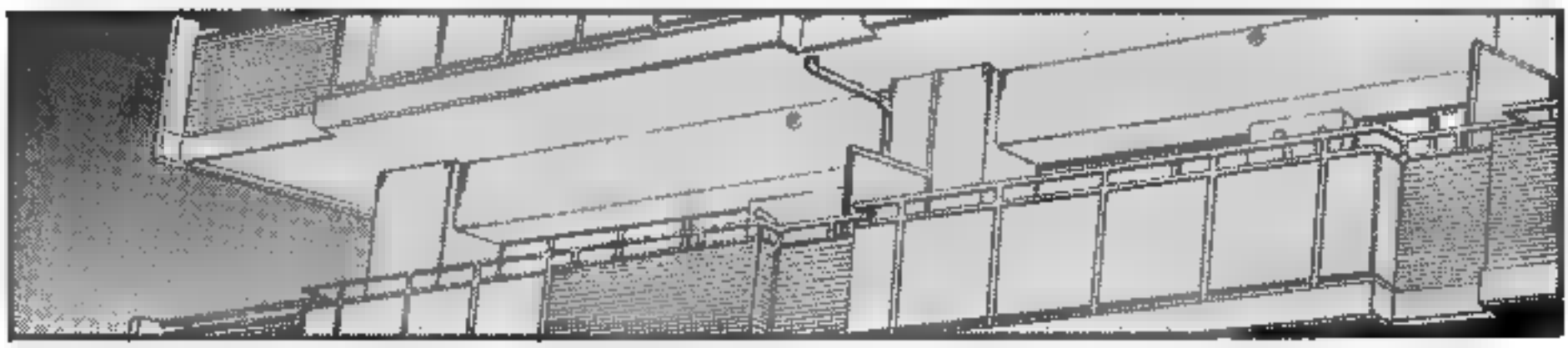
SHI-MAKI-SAN!

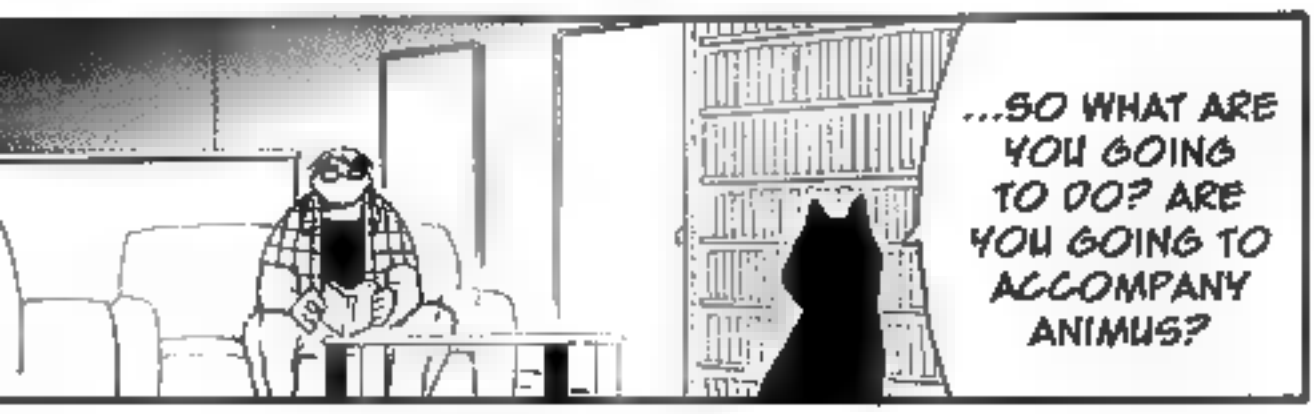
ARE YOU OKAY?










...SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? ARE YOU GOING TO ACCOMPANY ANIMUS?

BUT APPARENTLY... I WAS WRONG.
I INITIALLY THOUGHT HIS INTENTIONS WERE TO DESTROY EARTH.

BEYOND THAT.
THERE'S SOME-THING....

....YOU'LL PROBABLY BE CALLED OUT TONIGHT TOO.

YES I WOULD.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT EVERY-THING IN SPACE?

EVERY-THING IN SPACE.

SFX: CLOSE

SFX: GROOOOWL

YUP, IT'S HOW YOU IMAGINED IT.

I'M FROM THE FUTURE.

THAT'S A PRETTY BIG STORY.

THE ESPER KNOWN [redacted] THE GOD WHO CREATED THE UNIVERSE AND THE OPPOSITE GOD WHO WOULD DESTROY EVERY-THING.

BORN IN THE FUTURE, I MASHED THE SPACE TIME CONTIUUM TO RETURN TO THE PAST AND BRING EVERYTHING [redacted] TO ITS MAIN STARTING POINT.

THAT'S WHO I AM.

KNOWING "EVERY-THING".

ABIDING BY THAT DESIRE

CORR-ECT.

I (THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION) FUNCTION PROPERLY.

EVEN THOUGH I POSSESS GOD-LIKE POWERS I WAS BORN WITH A HUMAN BODY.

THAT'S WHY I HAVE DESIRES.

THAT IS...

LET'S SEE IT TOGETHER.

I WANT TO SEE THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING WITH MY OWN EYES.

BRING-ING EVERY-THING BACK TO THE START.

THEY'RE NOT REGULAR HUMANS.

THE KNIGHTS ARE THOSE WHO HAVE THE POSSIBILITY TO BECOME AN EXISTENCE AS CLOSE TO GOD AS MYSELF.

WHY WOULD GOD TALK TO A REGULAR HUMAN LIKE ME?

LET'S SYMPA-THIZE THE HAPPINESS OF KNOWING EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

LET'S BECOME FRIENDS, SHIMAKI-KUN.

USE WHAT?
IT SEEMS LIKE I CAN USE IT.
EVEN HERE.

SFX: BAM
THAT IS...
NEXT TO KNOWING EVERY-THING.
LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I WISHED FOR

MOTHER EARTH!!
IMAG-INING FIELD
THE SPECIAL STRENGTH-ENING OF THE GRASP FIELD
SFX: SMASH
A KNIGHT AND A MUD DOLL?
THIS IS...

KNOWLEDGE AND INTELLIGENCE ARE METHODS AND NOT MY OBJECTIVES.

I'M NOT GOING TO BE YOUR ALLY.

OH... THIS IMAGI-NATION!! SIMPLY AMAZING SHIMAKI-KUN!!

I'VE NEVER SEEN A KNIGHT LIKE YOU BEFORE!!

BUT IT'S TO MAKE ALL OF HUMANITY HAPPY.

MY OBJECTIVE IS NOT TO OBTAIN THE AKASHIC RECORDS,

FOR HUMANITY, DIE RIGHT HERE "GOD."

I'LL CRUSH THAT LITTLE DESIRE OF YOURS.

SFX: JUMP

SFX: BAM, DRILLLLL

MIX-TURE FIELD !!

!?

PAN-
DORA!!

SFX: BOMB

SFX: DROP, SLASH

WHAT... YOU'RE ...!!

HANDS OFF.

...YOU CRAZY MON-STERS.

THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION AND HAPPINESS FOR ALL OF HUMANITY.... YOU GUYS AREN'T NORMAL.

IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S AT A DIFFICULT AGE.

MY KNIGHT AS WELL. HE'S TAIYOU AKANE.

LET ME INTRODUCE HIM. HE'S THE OWL KNIGHT AND YET...

AKANE-KUN... YOU'RE...

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?

WELL, LET'S CALL IT A DAY FOR NOW.

SHIMAKI-KUN I'M DISAP-POINTED.

SEE YOU "AGAIN."

BITE

CRUNCH

BITE

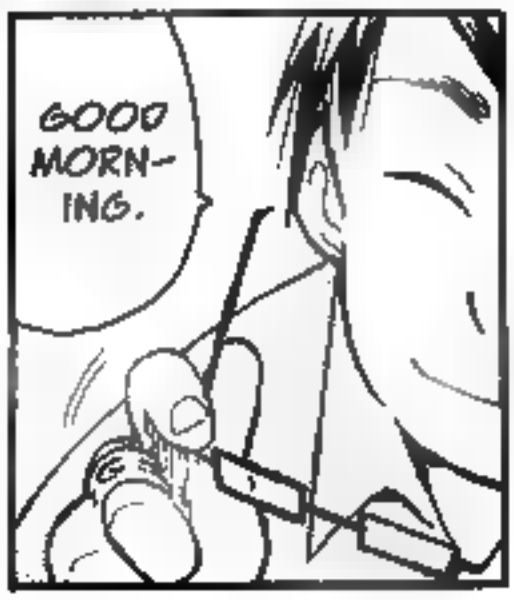
AKANE-KUN...

ANI-MUS...

STATIC

WAI-....

...
GOOD MORN-ING.


GOOD MORN-ING.

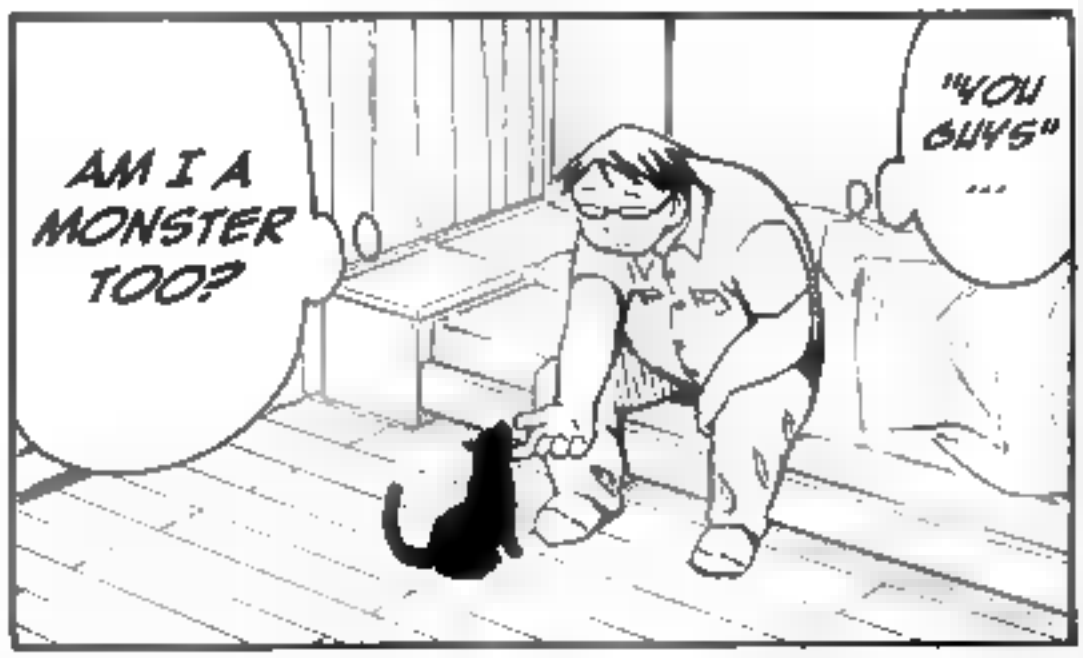
HOW-EVER ...

NO, I DIDN'T.
DID YOU BECOME ANIMUS' ALLY?

...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

THE FLOW OF TIME IS OUTSTANDING. AS MUCH AS IT WOULD CREATE GOD.
IT'S HARD TO PREDICT WHERE DESTINY WOULD LAND ON.
NO.. LET'S LEAVE THAT ASIDE.

HOW-EVER?



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CHAPTER 28

HEY YUUHI!
YUUHI....

SCOOP
SCOOP

I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.
AT ALL.
...HUH? OH, SORRY.
....HOW MANY HOLES ARE YOU GOING TO DIG?

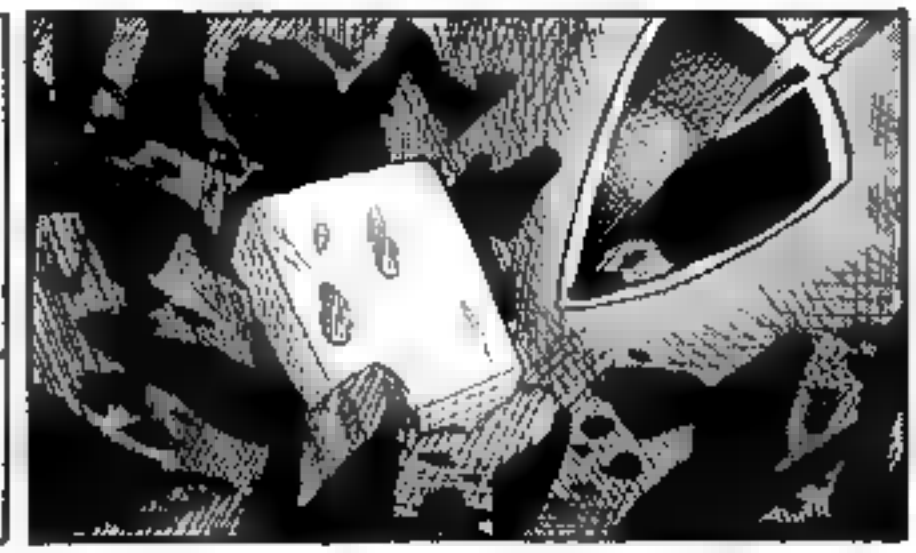
WELL, IF IT WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO DISABLE SOMEONE IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS...

WHAT IF YOUR ALLIES GET CAUGHT BY ONE OF THESE?
I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL GET INTO A BATTLE SO I'M DIGGING AS MUCH AS I CAN.

IS THAT SO?

BUT IF IT WERE THIS LARGE I THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO AVOID ATTACKS.

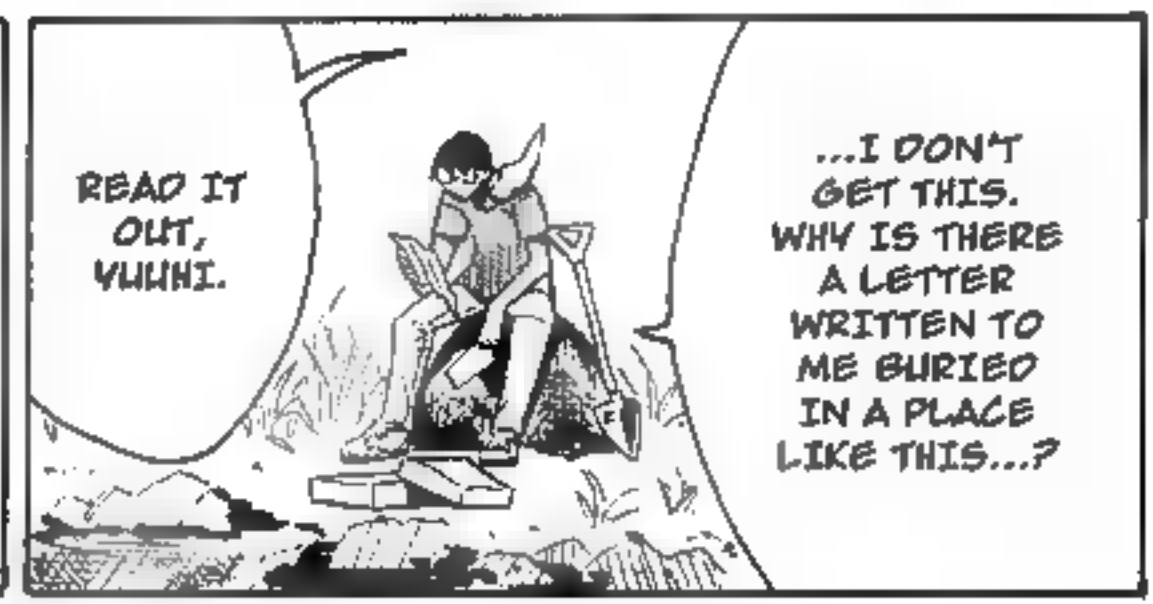
WHAT IS THIS...
...A BOX?
CLOP



.....
....WHAT THE...!?

...WHAT ....IS ...THIS...
DEAR YUUHI AMAMIYA

.....
DEAR YUUHI AMAMIYA, THE LIZARD KNIGHT,


READ IT OUT, YUUHI.
...I DON'T GET THIS. WHY IS THERE A LETTER WRITTEN TO ME BURIED IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...?

I FOUND YOU DIGGING HOLES AT THIS VERY MOUNTAIN.

IN JULY OF THIS YEAR I AM SUPPOSED TO DIE,

THAT IS WHY I WILL HIDE THIS HERE AND LEAVE IT TO YOU.

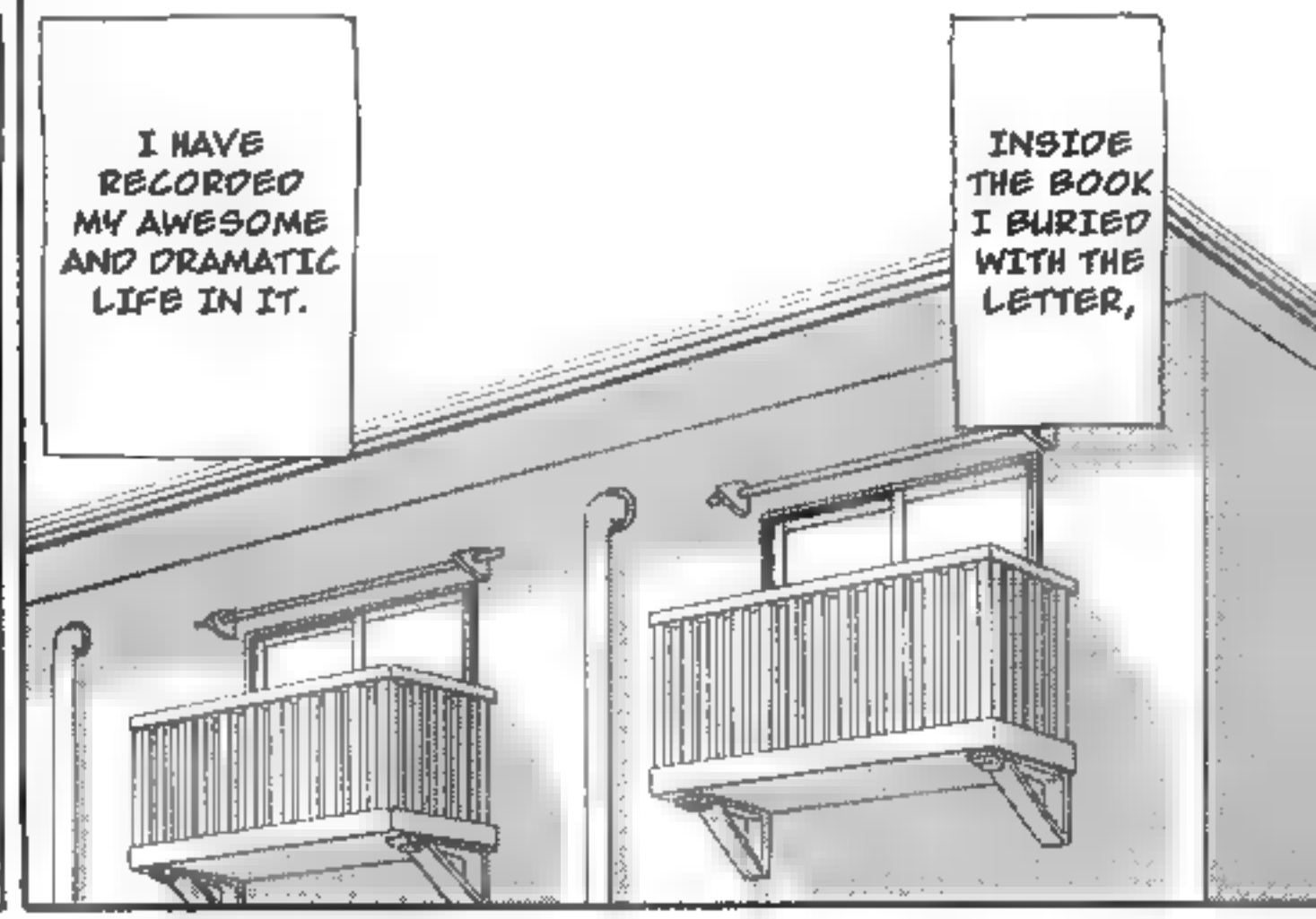
THAT WAS THE END POINT OF MY PRECOG-NITION.

THE SWORDFISH KNIGHT.

MY NAME IS INACHIKA AKITANI.

CHAPTER 28: INACHIKA AKITANI (FIRST PART)

PLEASE SIT UP RIGHT WHEN YOU READ IT.


I HAVE RECORDED MY AWESOME AND DRAMATIC LIFE IN IT.
INSIDE THE BOOK I BURIED WITH THE LETTER,

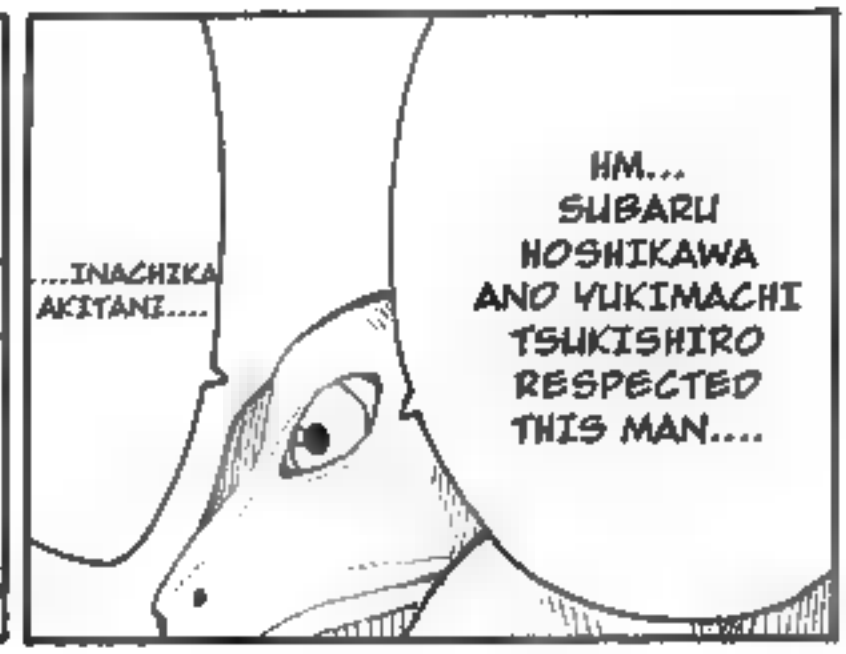
MASTER, HUH?
...SWORDFISH..

APPARENTLY HE WAS A WEIRD FELLOW.
THE VAST SEA!... MASSIVE LIFE.... MASSIVE.... DIARY?

HE DIED PROTECTING US.

OUR MASTER WAS THE SWORDFISH KNIGHT.

IF YOU SPELL OUT THE NAME AKITANI AND READ IT BACKWARDS WHAT DO YOU GET?
THAT'S A PEN NAME
HOW SO?
秋谷
↓
AKITANI


....INACHIKA AKITANI....
HM... SUBARU HOSHIKAWA AND YUKIMACHI TSUKISHIRO RESPECTED THIS MAN....

CLOSE
AKITANI
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INATIKA
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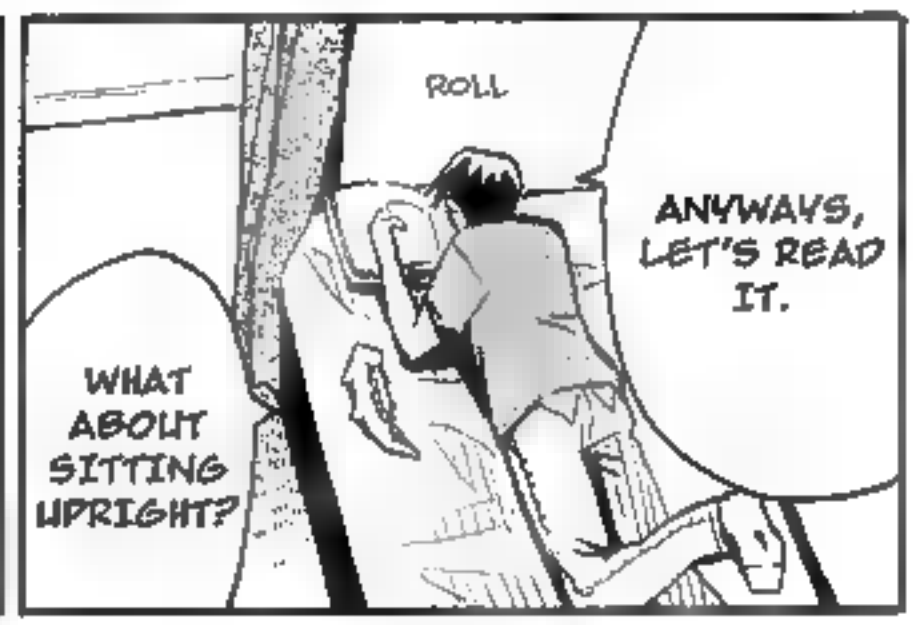
INATI, HUH?

MEIOU? IS THAT AN ERA?
I WAS BORN IN HAMAMATSU DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE MEIOU.

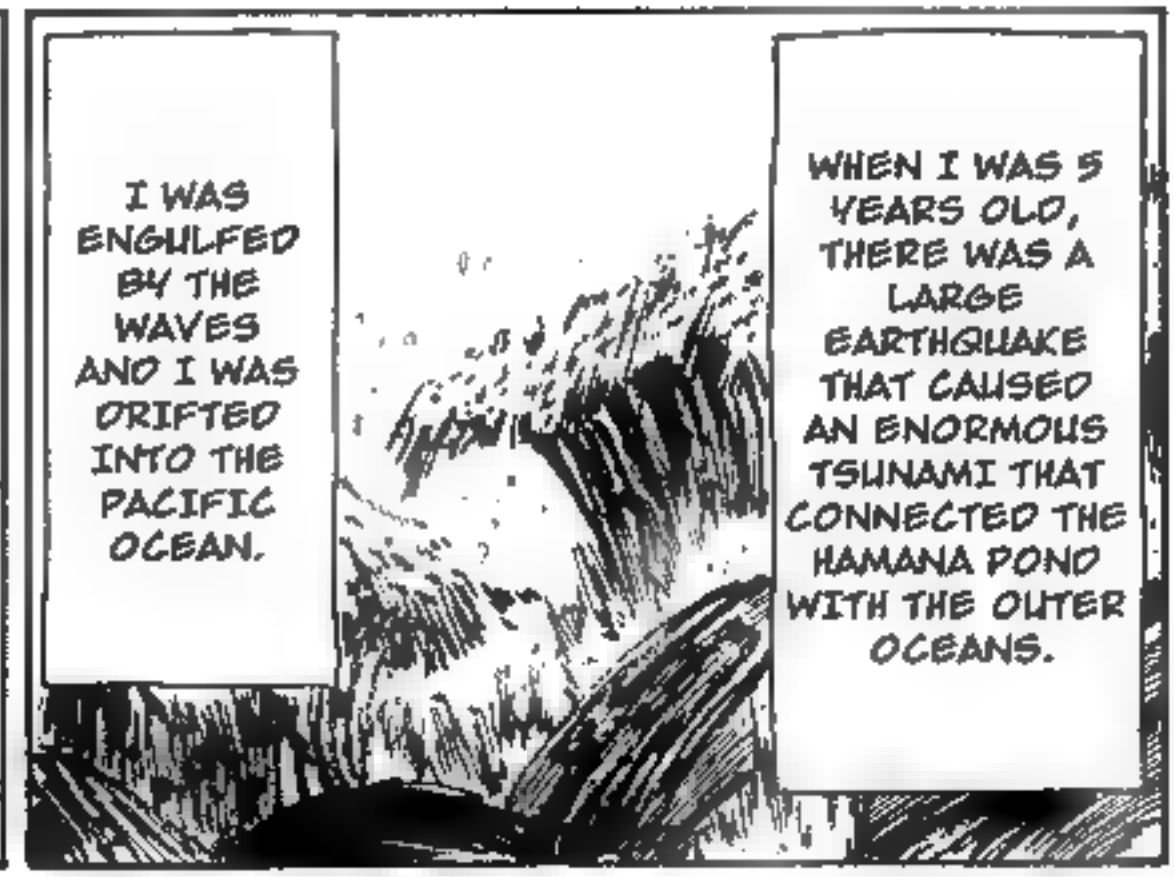

ROLL
ANYWAYS, LET'S READ IT.
WHAT ABOUT SITTING UPRIGHT?

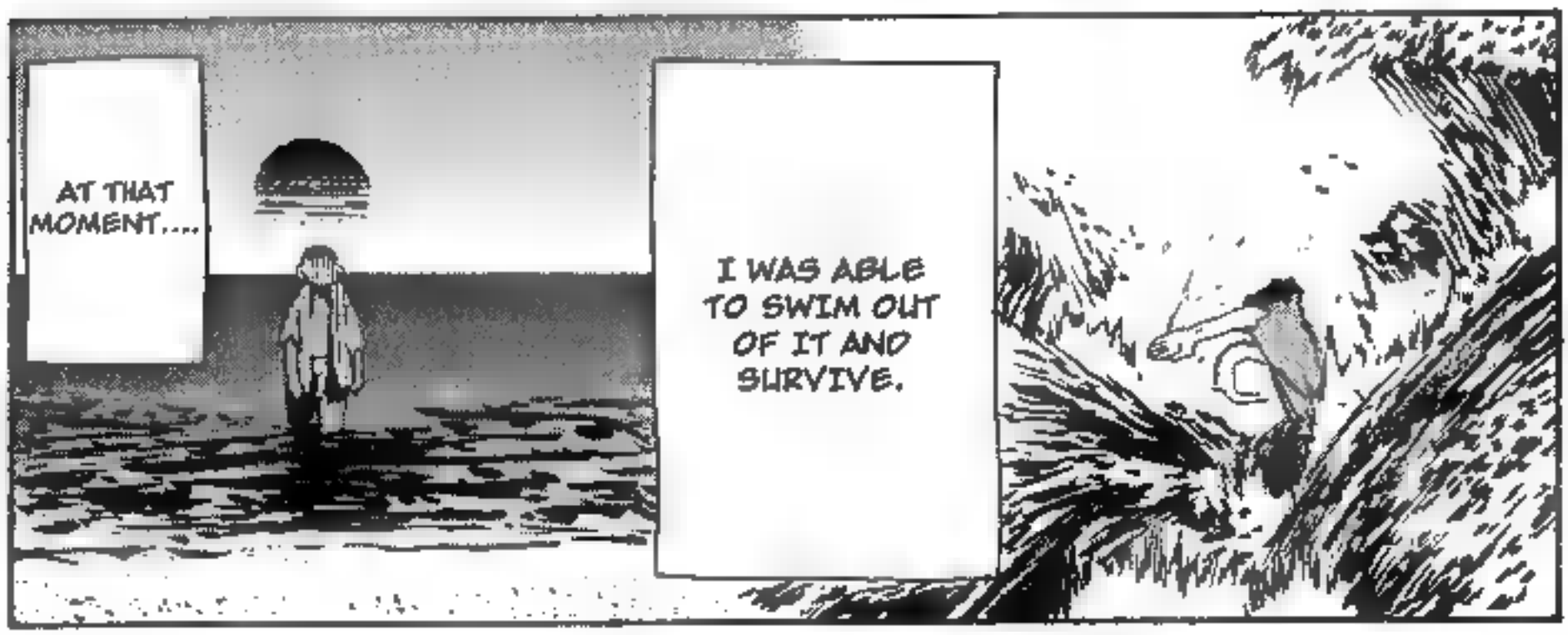
.....
FLIP

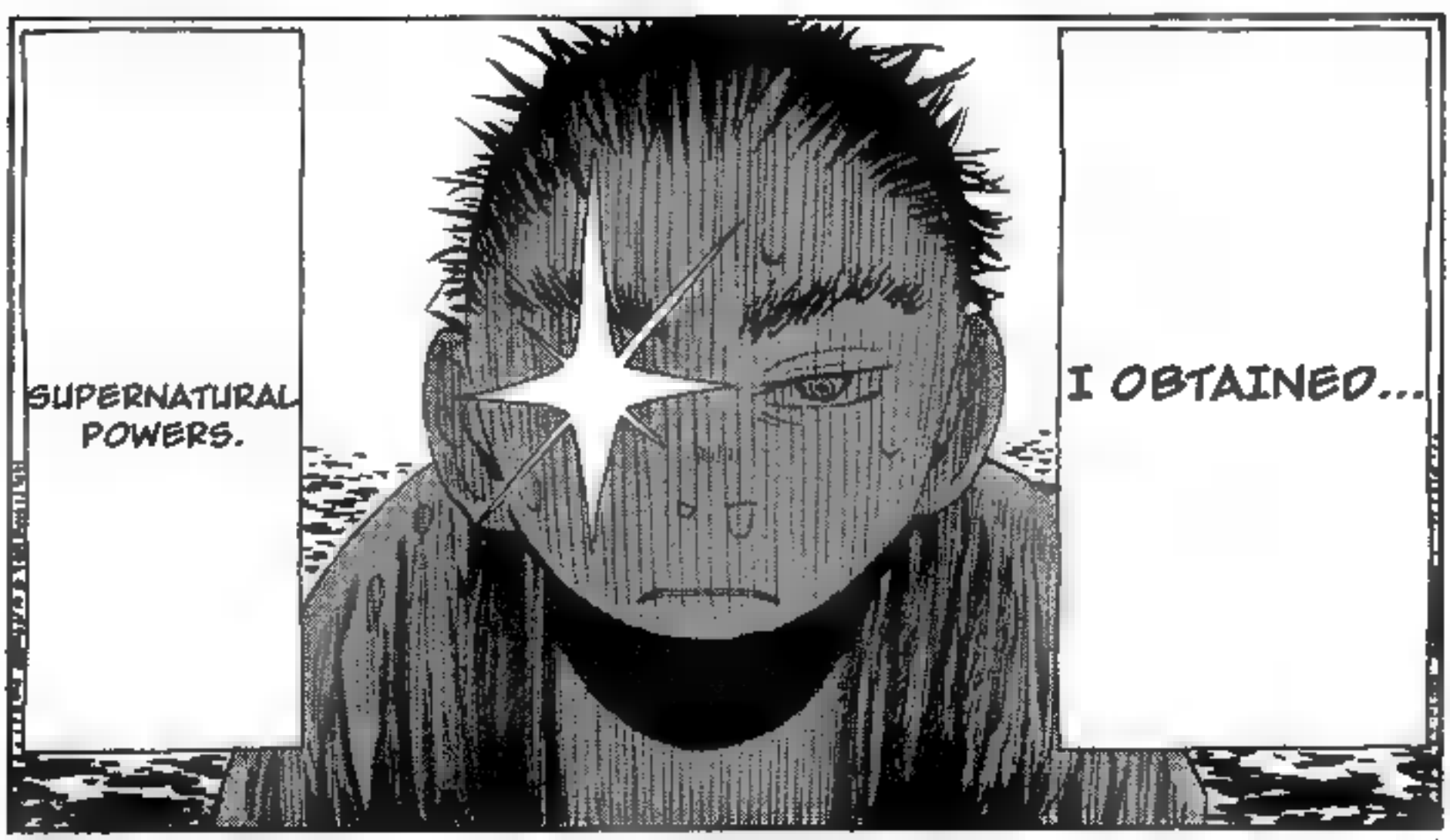
IMPOSSIBLE. HOW CAN A HUMAN LIVE FOR THAT LONG?

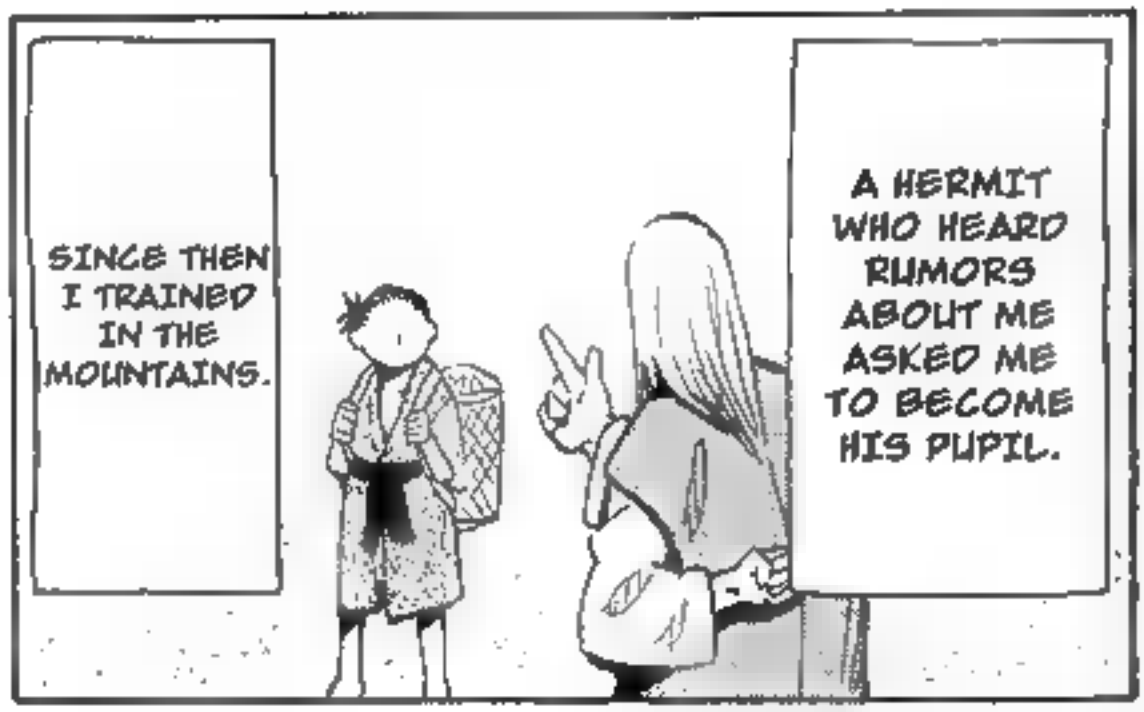
THAT'S 1492..... MORE THAN 400 YEARS AGO.
I READ IT IN A NOVEL, BUT...

HOWEVER....
WAIT, HE DIED?


I WAS ENGULFED BY THE WAVES AND I WAS DRIFTED INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
WHEN I WAS 5 YEARS OLD, THERE WAS A LARGE EARTHQUAKE THAT CAUSED AN ENORMOUS TSUNAMI THAT CONNECTED THE HAMANA POND WITH THE OUTER OCEANS.


AT THAT MOMENT....
I WAS ABLE TO SWIM OUT OF IT AND SURVIVE.


SUPERNATURAL POWERS.
I OBTAINED...


SINCE THEN I TRAINED IN THE MOUNTAINS.
A HERMIT WHO HEARD RUMORS ABOUT ME ASKED ME TO BECOME HIS PUPIL.

THIS IS GETTING INTER-ESTING...!!
WHAT THE HELL!?

AND ONE DAY SOME DECADES LATER,

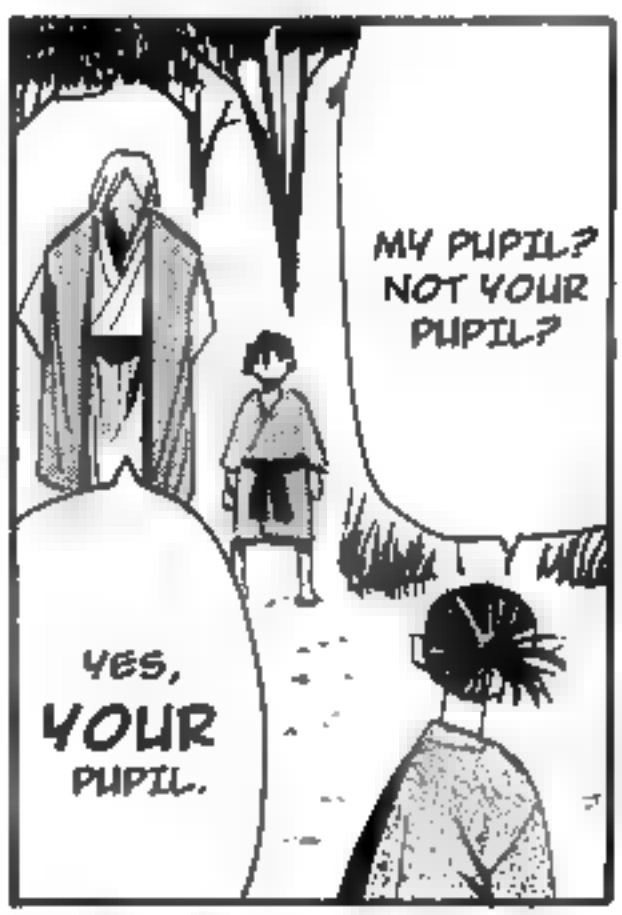
WHEN I QUESTIONED WHO IT WAS,
I SENSED A CONNECTION TO SOME LARGE BEING.

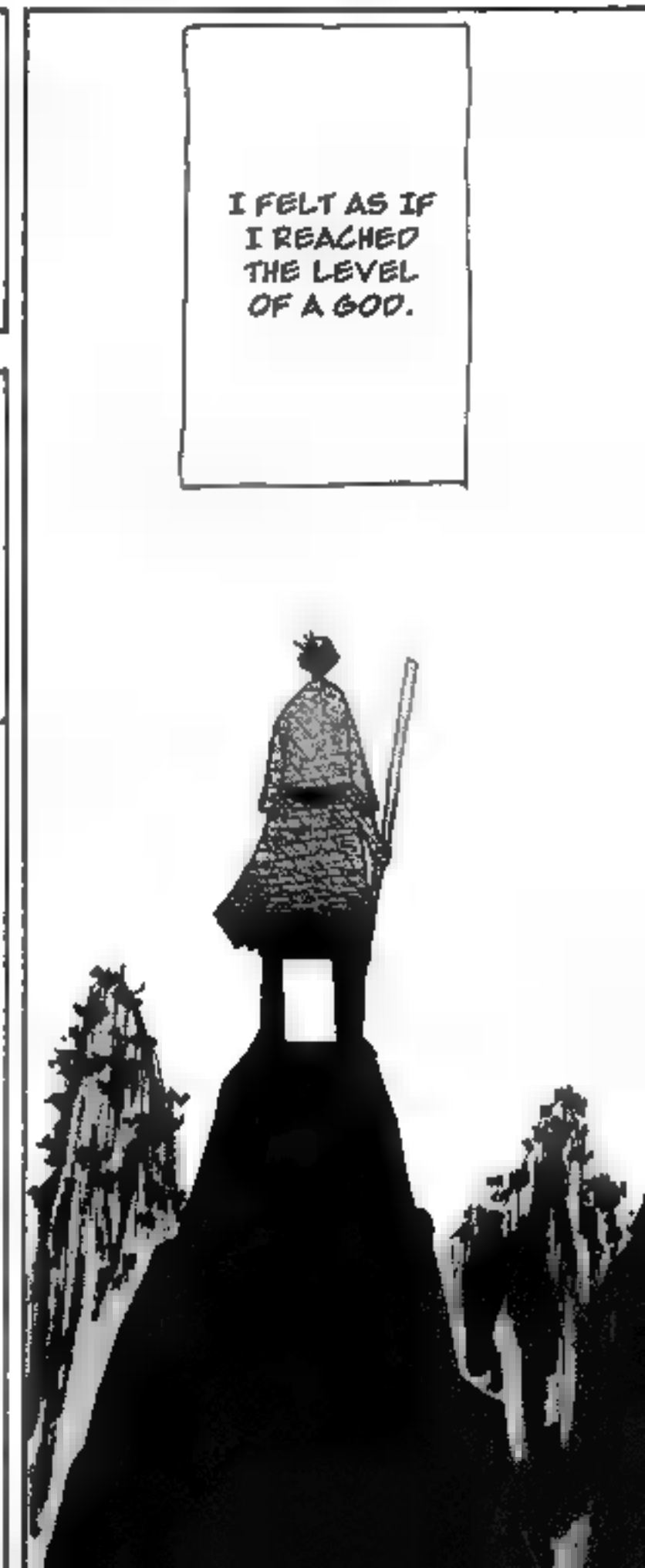
IT ANSWERED AS 'THE ONE WHO KNOWS ALL'.

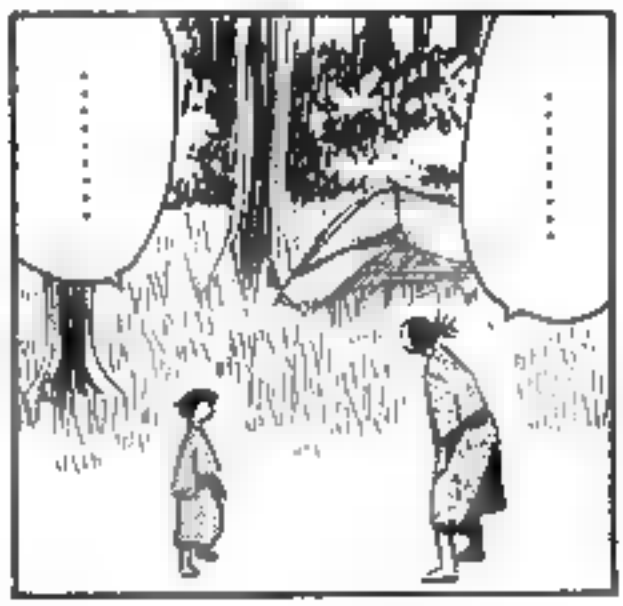
I BECAME AN OMNISCIENT BEING.

T-THE AKASHIC RE-CORD...!?

INDEED HE ANSWERED ANY QUESTIONS I ASKED. THE NUMBER OF TREES ON THE MOUNTAIN, THE WEATHER FOR TOMORROW, EVEN THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. EVERYTHING I WANTED TO KNOW WAS ANSWERED.



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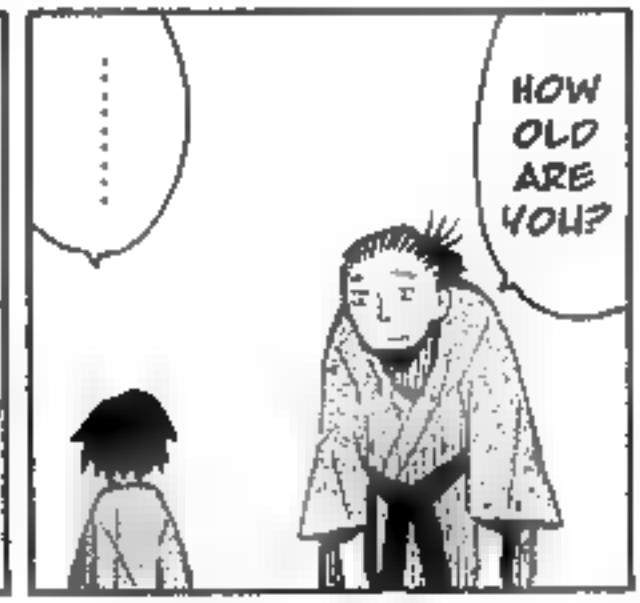
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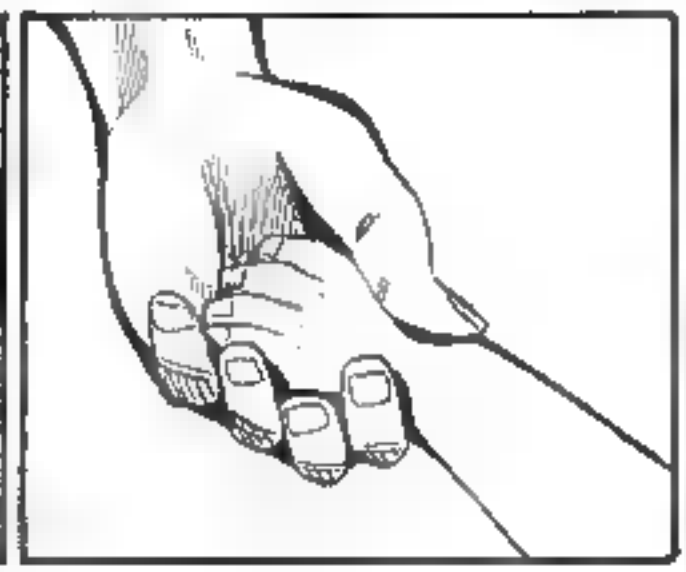
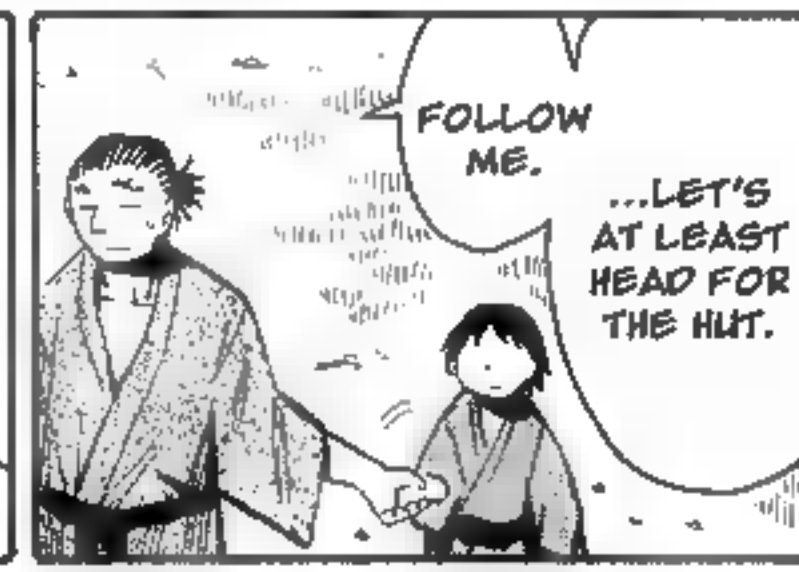
HOW OLD ARE YOU?

.....
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?




FOLLOW ME.
...LET'S AT LEAST HEAD FOR THE HUT.

TELL ME HOW TO KILL A SAMURAI.
EVERYONE DIED.
A SAMURAI KILLED THEM.

AH...
E....

THAT CHILD DIDN'T HAVE THE SKILLS TO BECOME A SWORDSMAN.

TEACHING IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT IN COMPARISON TO LEARNING.

I SHALL TEACH YOU HOW.

AND THEN...

VERY WELL

I KNEW THAT THIS WOULD OCCUR.

SO NOW I WILL GO KILL THE SAMURAI!!

I HAVE DONE ENOUGH TRAINING!!

MASTER, THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME!

ABOUT 10 OR SO YEARS LATER HE SPOKE

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME.

I KNOW.

MASTER.... I....

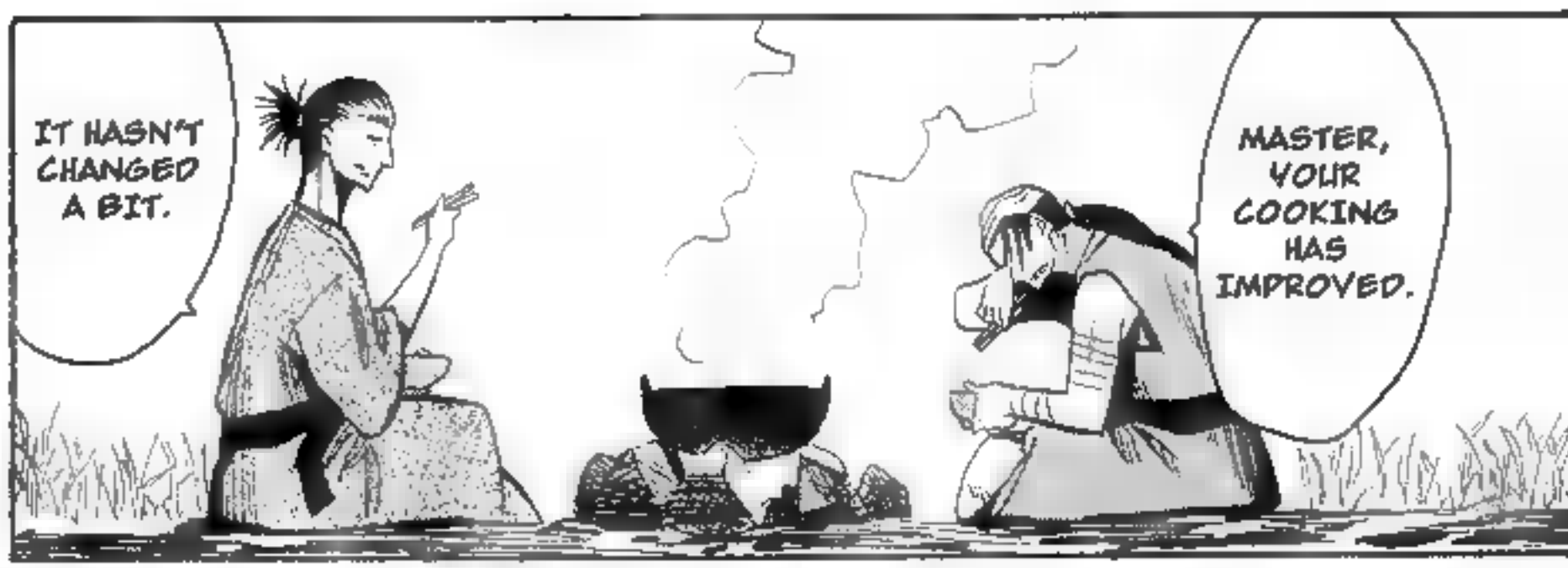
I KNEW HE WOULD RETURN FROM A LOST BATTLE.

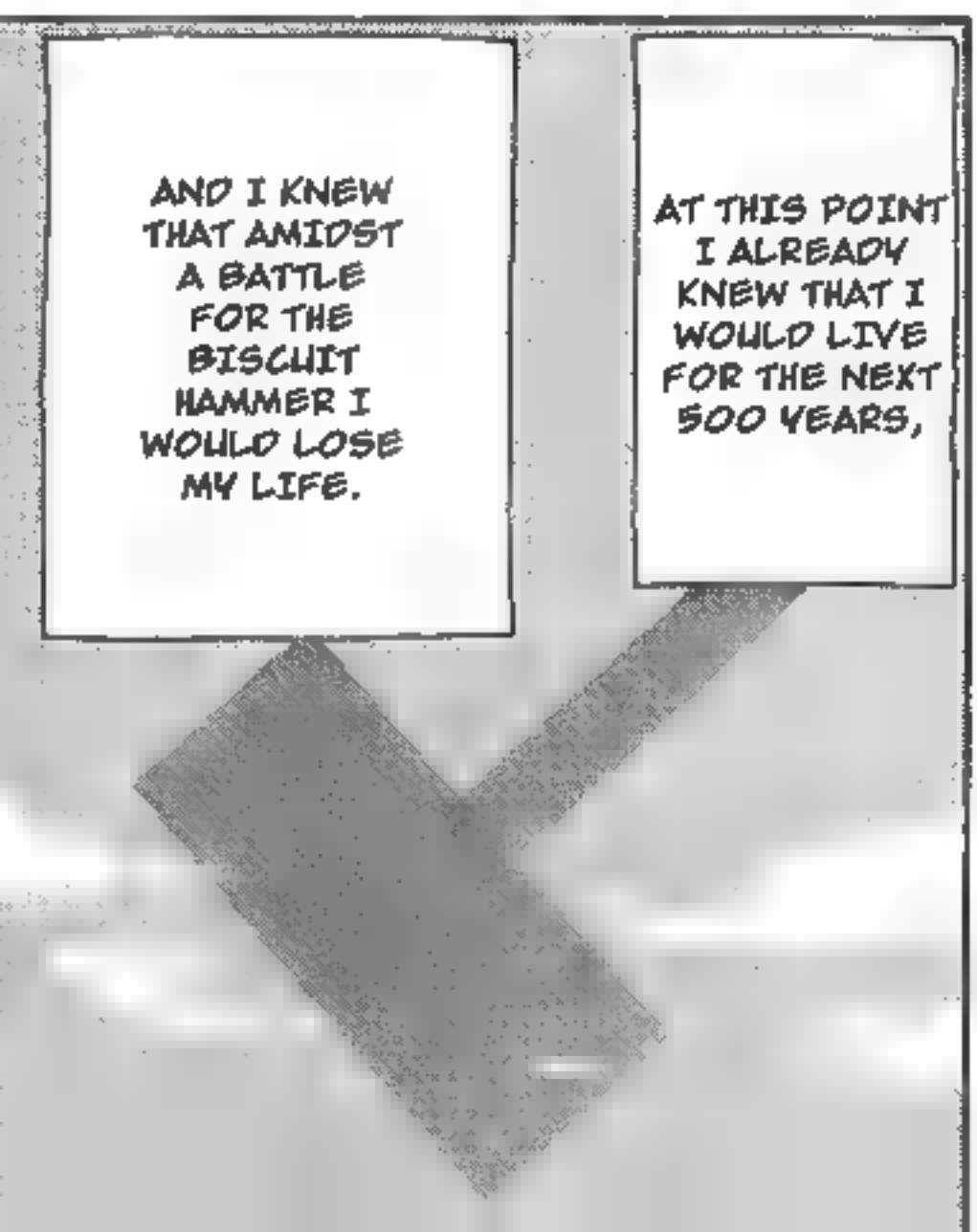
SOME YEARS LATER

AND FOR SOME REASON SO DID I.

HE CRIED.

WE NOSTALGICALLY HAD A MEAL TOGETHER.


IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.
MASTER, YOUR COOKING HAS IMPROVED.


AND I KNEW THAT AMIDST A BATTLE FOR THE BISCUIT HAMMER I WOULD LOSE MY LIFE.
AT THIS POINT I ALREADY KNEW THAT I WOULD LIVE FOR THE NEXT 500 YEARS,

I WAS HEALTHY. AND OF COURSE I KNEW THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

MY FIRST PUPIL HAD DIED.
40 YEARS LATER,

BUT EVERYONE DIED BEFORE I DID.

OVER THE CENTURIES I HAVE TAUGHT MANY THINGS TO MANY PEOPLE,

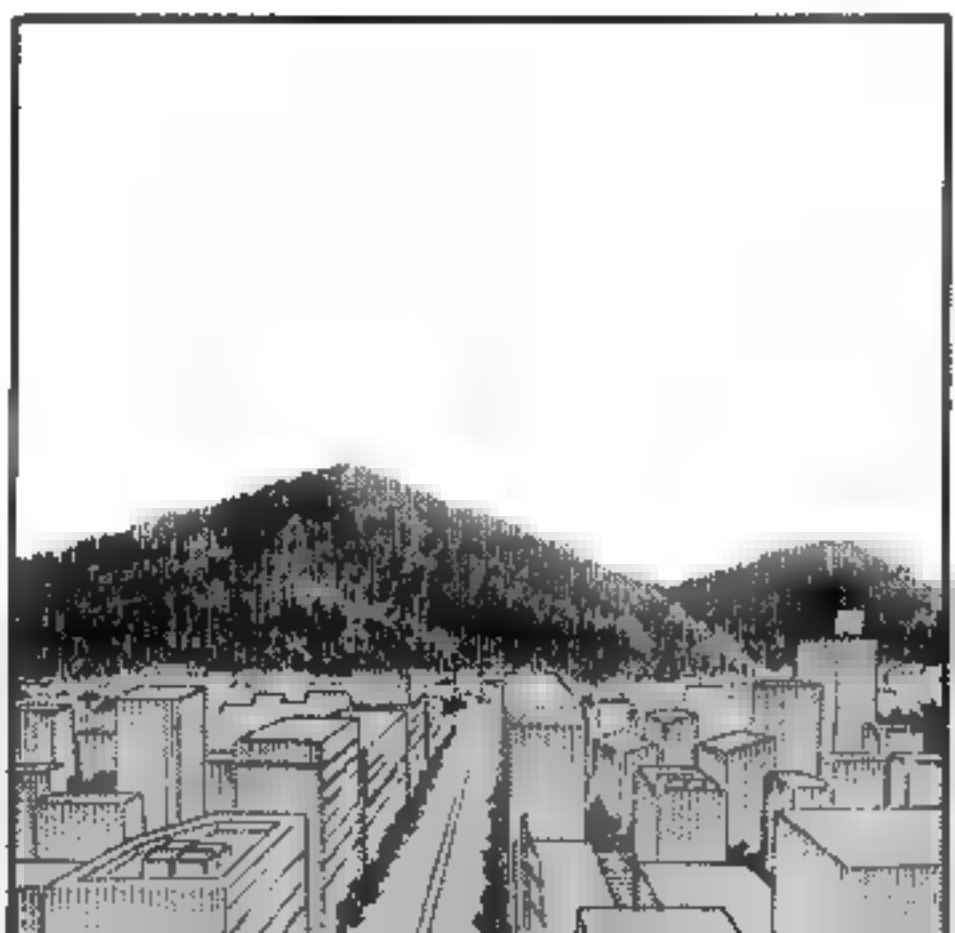
OMNISCIENCE APPEARED POINTLESS.

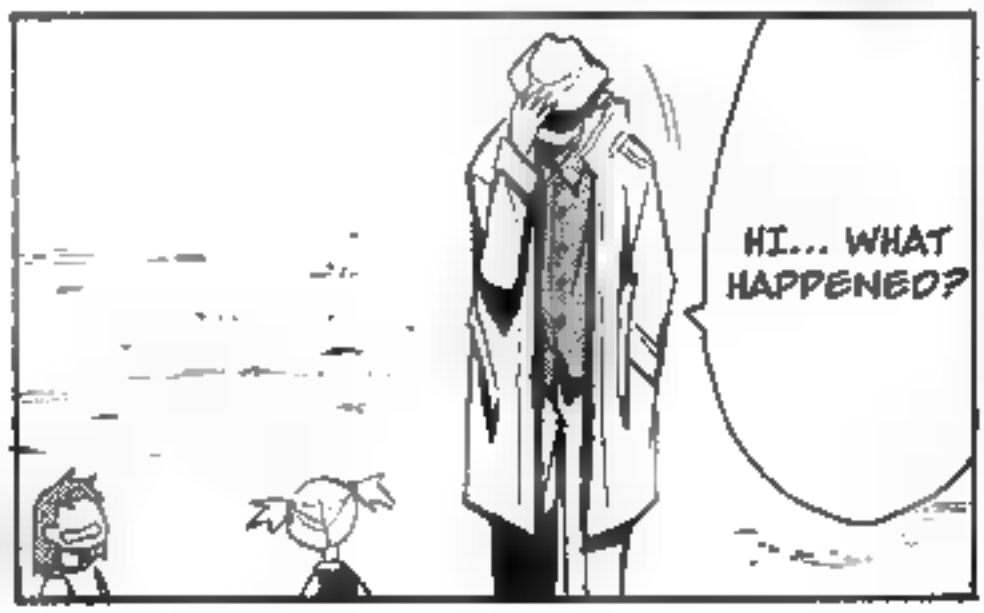
COMPARED TO WHAT I LEARNED FROM MY PUPILS,

OMNISCIENCE BASICALLY MEANS TO HAVE INFINITE/UNLIMITED KNOWLEDGE OR HAVING TOTAL KNOWLEDGE -SANO-

I HAVE LEARNED THAT I'M NOT AN OMNISCIENT GOD, BUT RATHER A CLUELESS HUMAN.

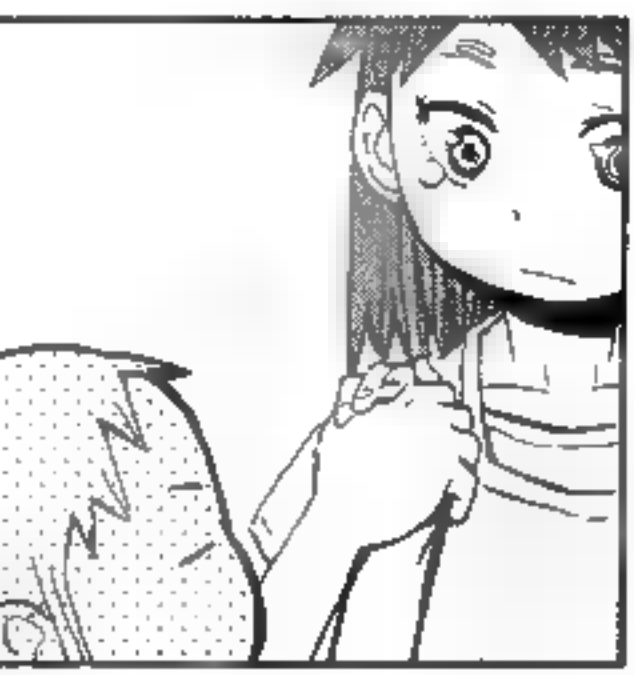
OVER THE PAST 500 YEARS,



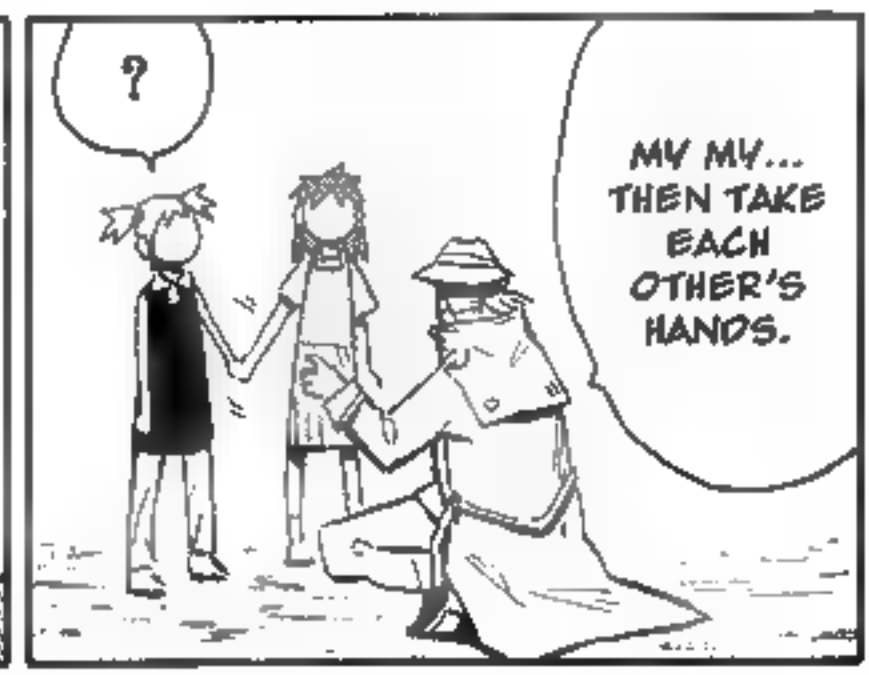

HI... WHAT HAPPENED?

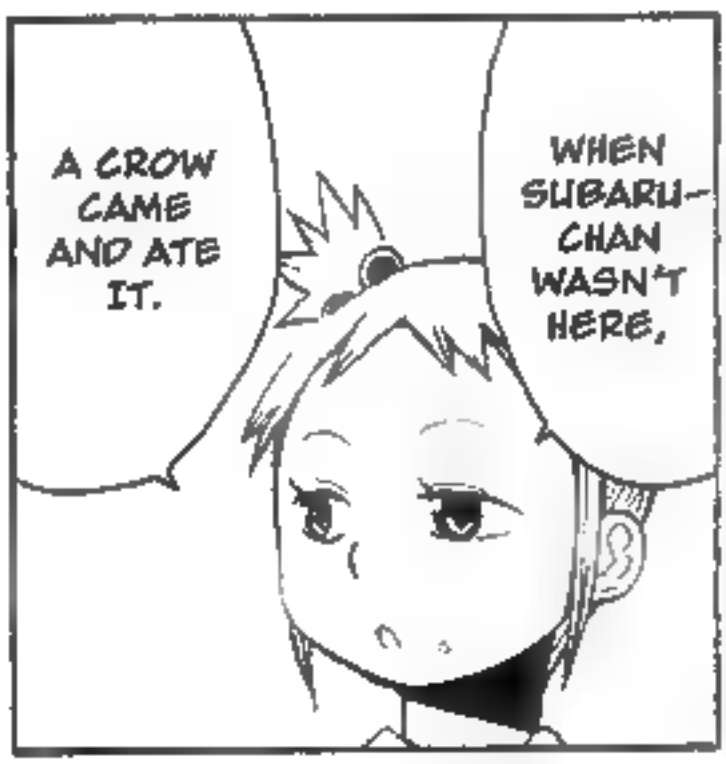
WAAAAAH

IT'S THE CROW WHO ATE IT.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT.
YUKI ATE IT~
SHE TOOK MY SNAAAACK~

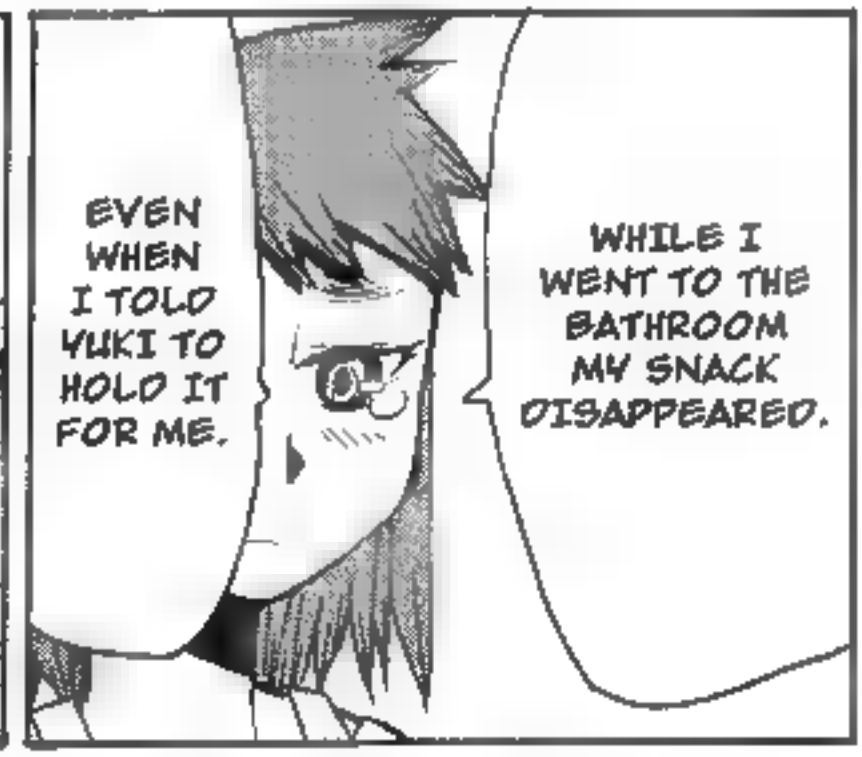


EXPLAIN TO ME ONE MORE TIME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.


?
MY MY... THEN TAKE EACH OTHER'S HANDS.

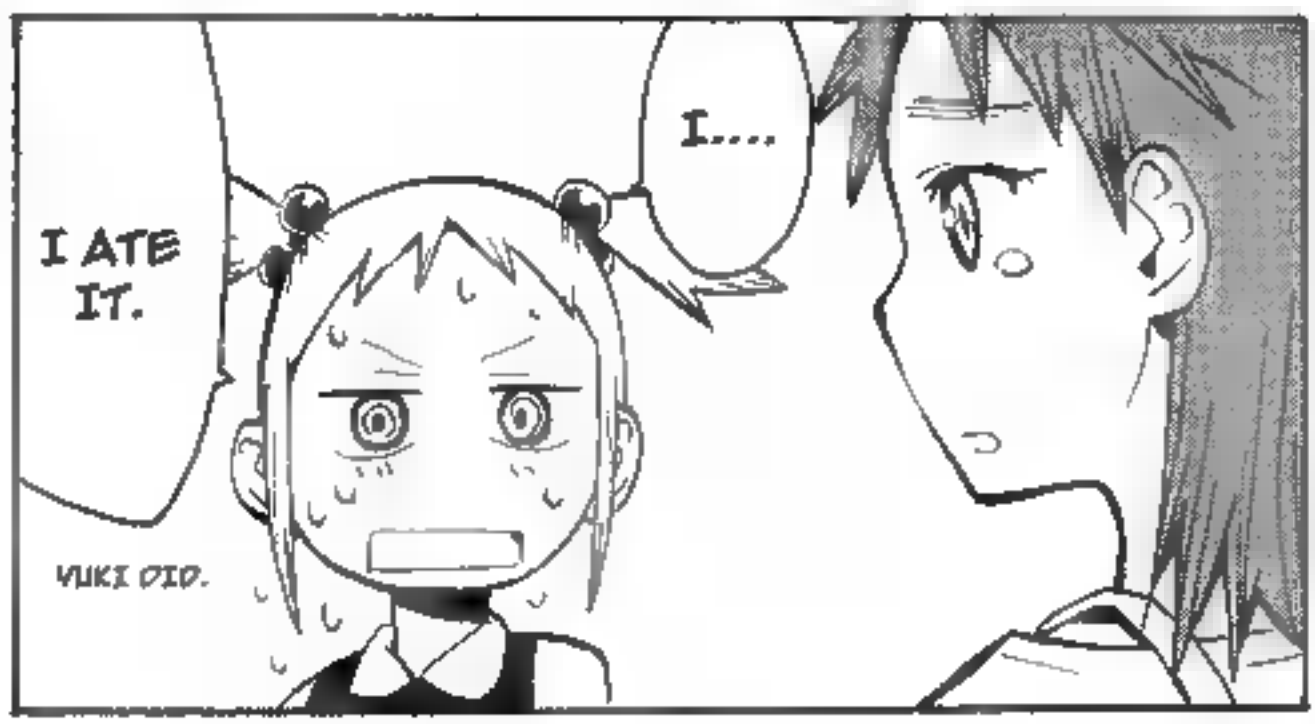

A CROW CAME AND ATE IT.
WHEN SUBARU-CHAN WASN'T HERE,

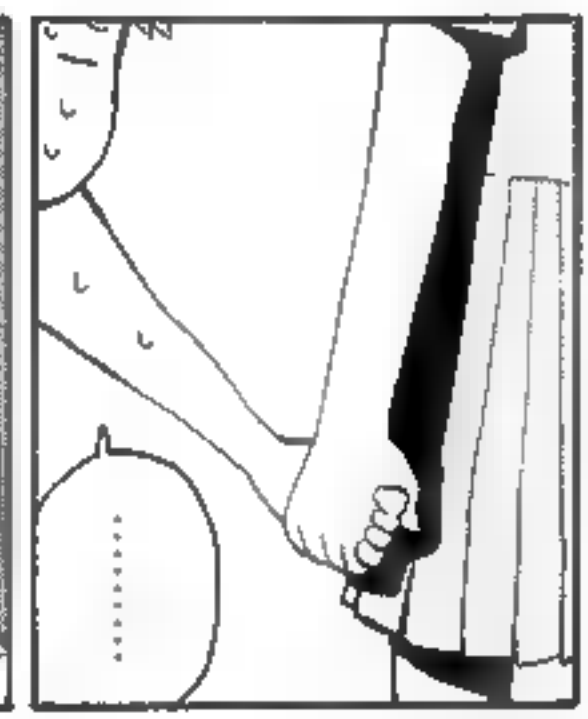
HM


EVEN WHEN I TOLD YUKI TO HOLD IT FOR ME,
WHILE I WENT TO THE BATHROOM MY SNACK DISAPPEARED.

CAN YOU SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME LOOKING AT SUBARU-CHAN'S FACE?
...I SEE.

DON'T LET GO OF HER HAND.

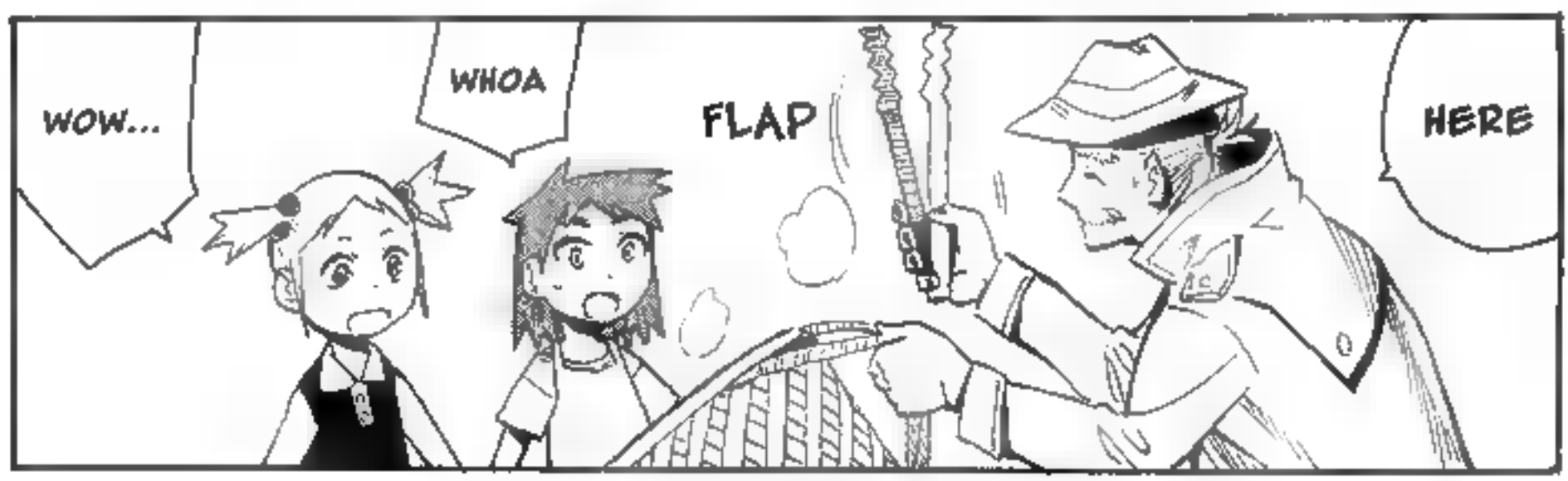

I ATE IT.
I....
YUKI DID.

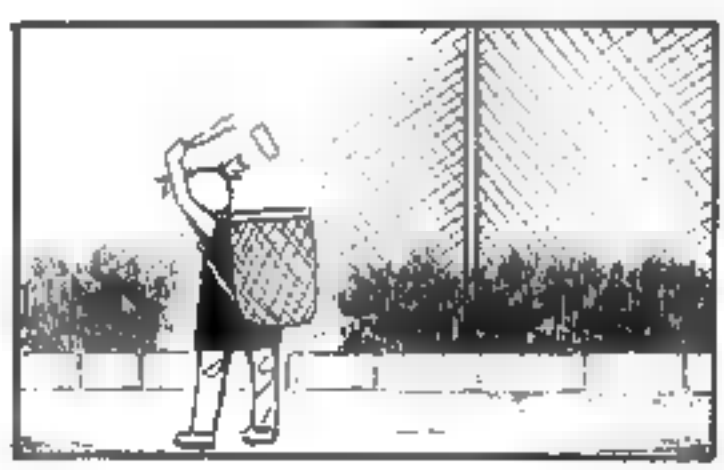


I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
WAAAAAAAH
LET'S PAY HER BACK.

S... SORRY-
BIVE AAAAA~!! YUKI YOU IDIOT~!!

IF YOU COLLECT THE GARBAGE IN THIS PARK I'LL GIVE YOU A COMPENSATION.
SO YOU HAVE TO WORK AND PAY IT BACK.


WOW...
WHOA
FLAP
HERE



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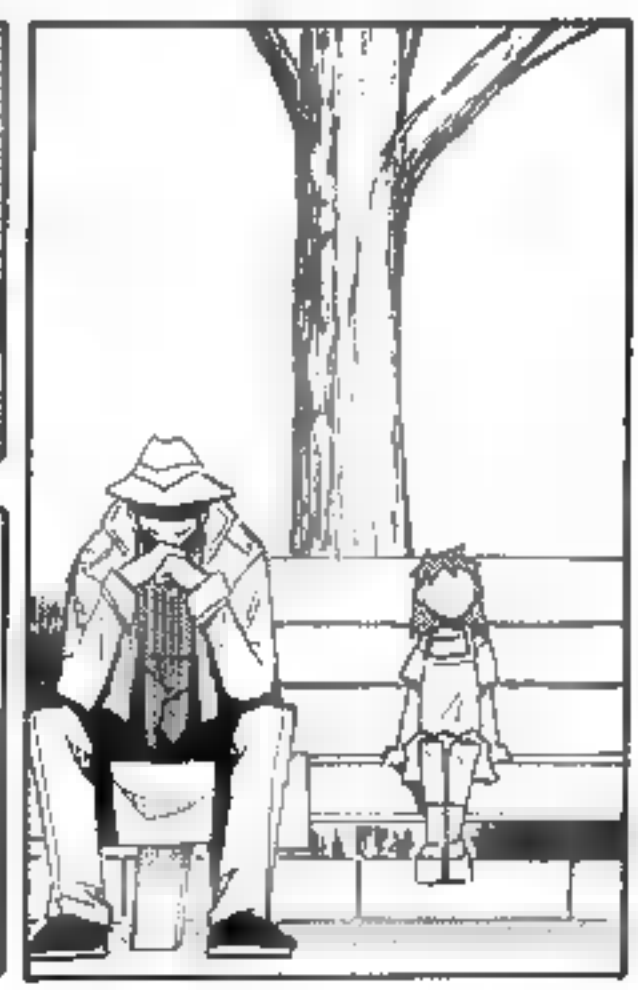
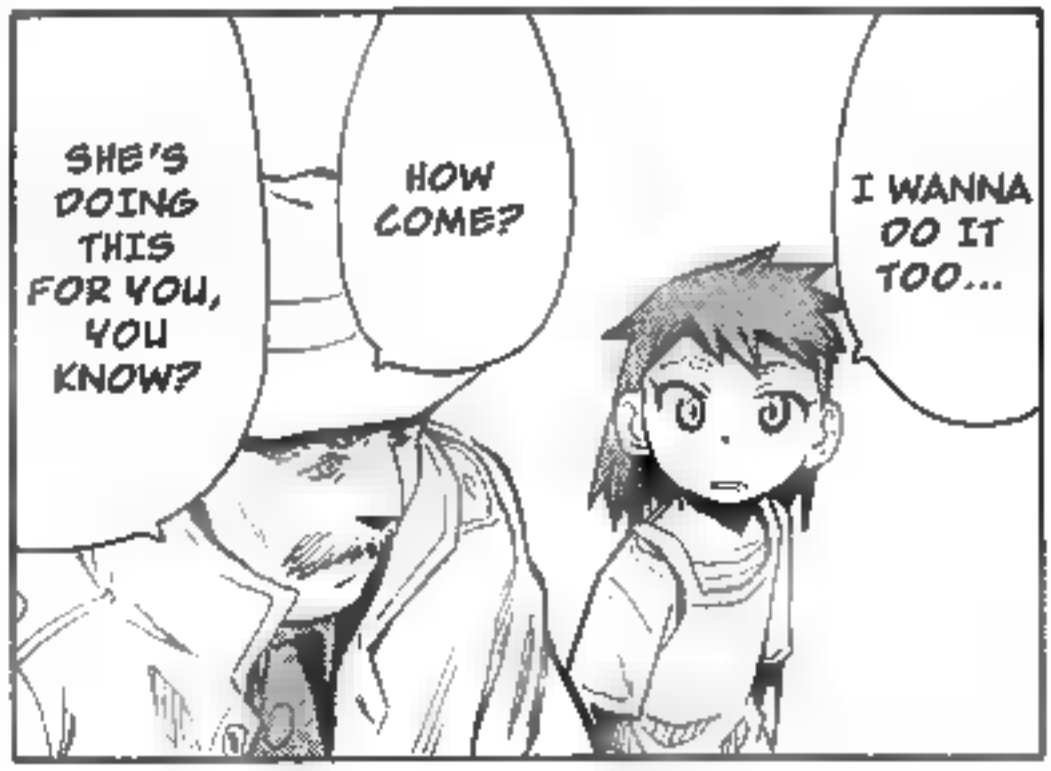
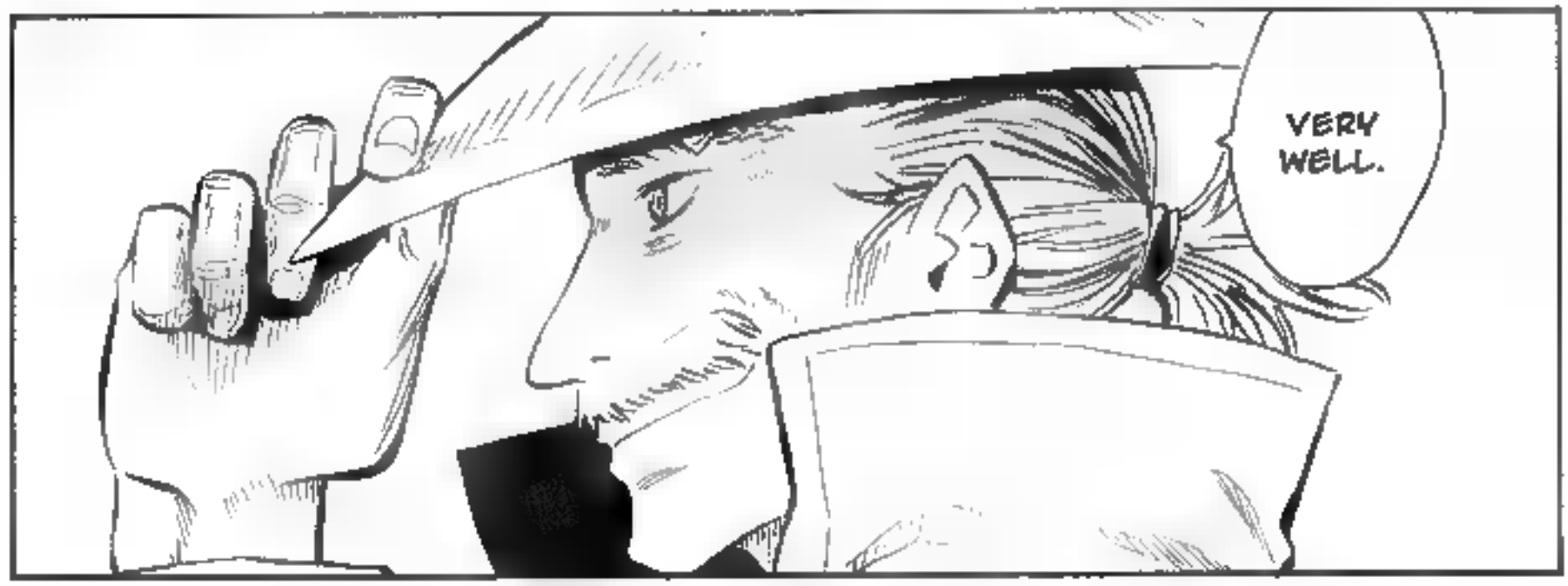
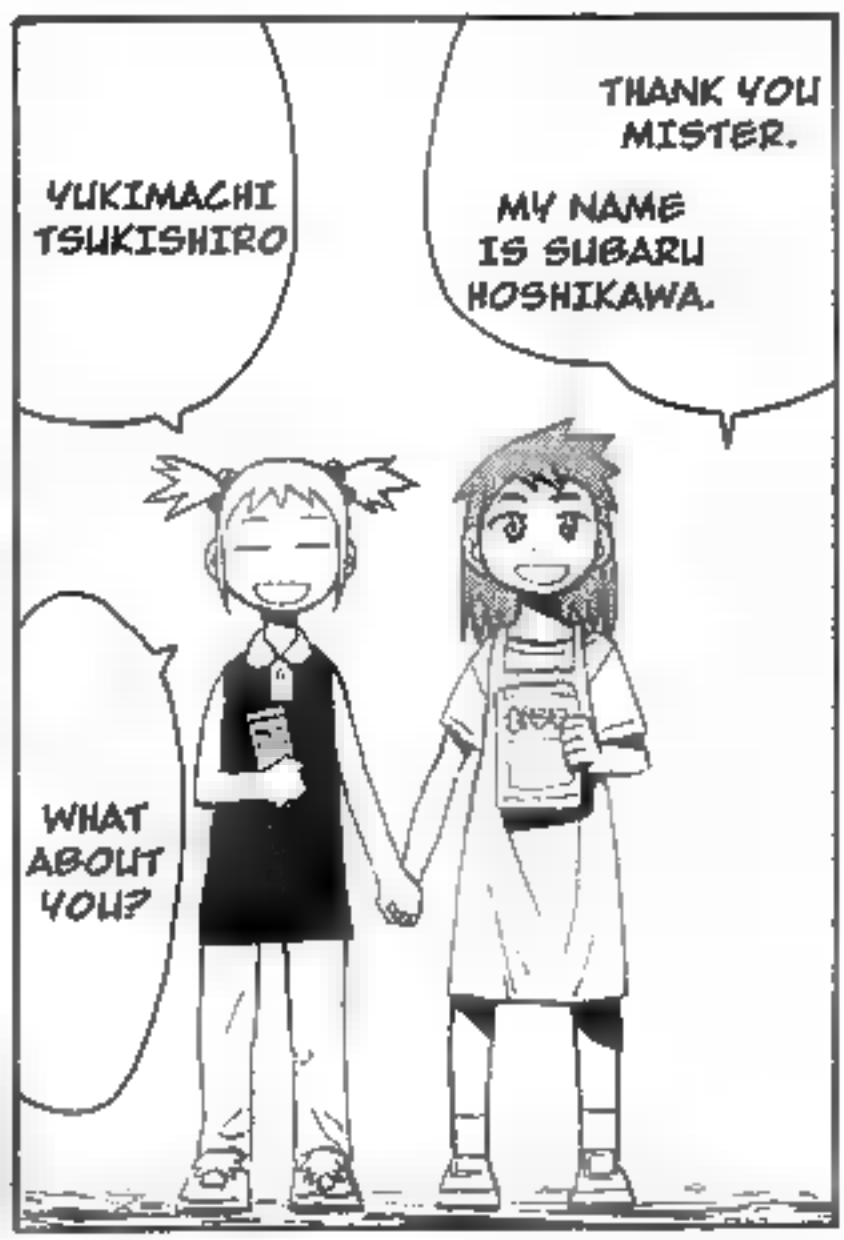


...STILL, I WANT TO DO IT.


SHE'S DOING THIS FOR YOU, YOU KNOW?
HOW COME?
I WANNA DO IT TOO...


VERY WELL.

I'M KNOWN AS THE MASTER.
INATIKA AKITANI


YUKIMACHI TSUKISHIRO
THANK YOU MISTER.
MY NAME IS SUBARU HOSHIKAWA.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

500 YEARS AGO I KNEW THAT THESE TWO WOULD [redacted] THE ONES TO OVERSEE MY LAST MOMENTS.

I APPEARED BEFORE THEM AS THEY WERE MY LAST TWO PUPILS.

STEP

LET'S MEET AGAIN SOMETIME.

BYE-BYE, MASTER~

8 YEARS LATER WHEN THE BEAST KNIGHTS APPEARED, I LOST MY CONNECTION AS WHAT I ONCE FOOLISHLY THOUGHT WAS AN "OMNISCIENT BEING."

FROM THEN MY POWERS DRASTICALLY DIMINISHED.

EXCUSE ME...

PEER

RUSTLE

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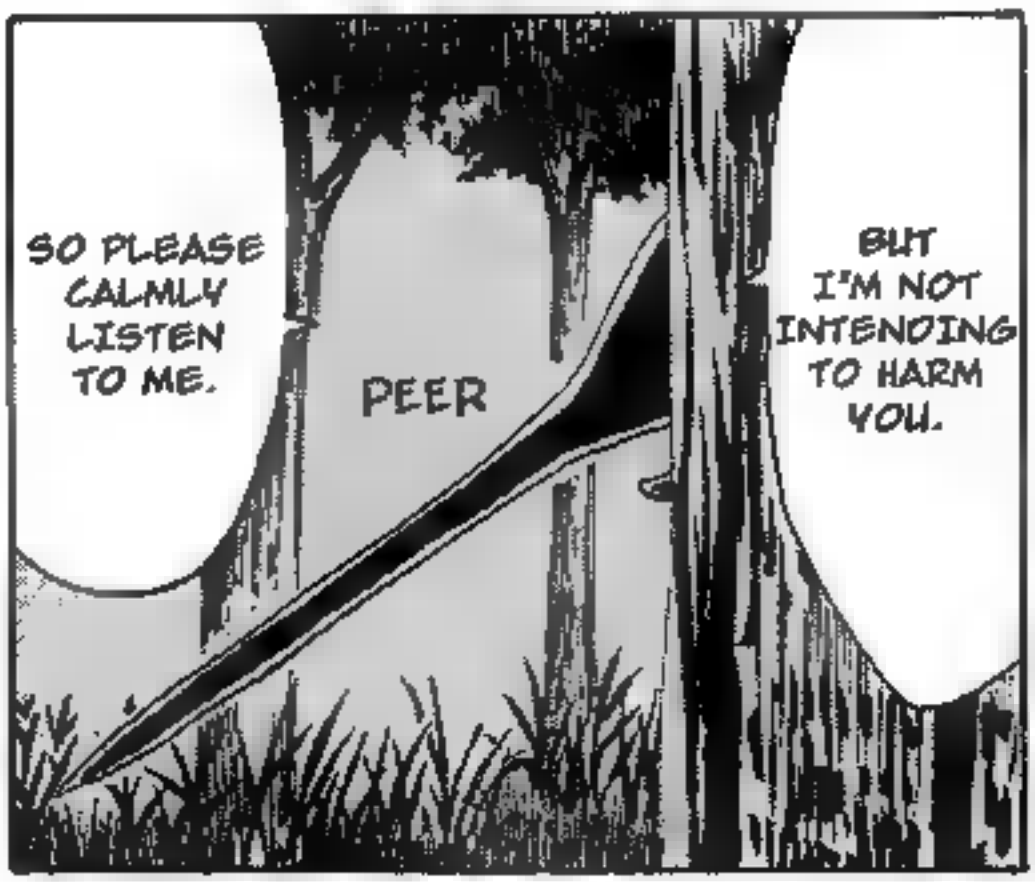
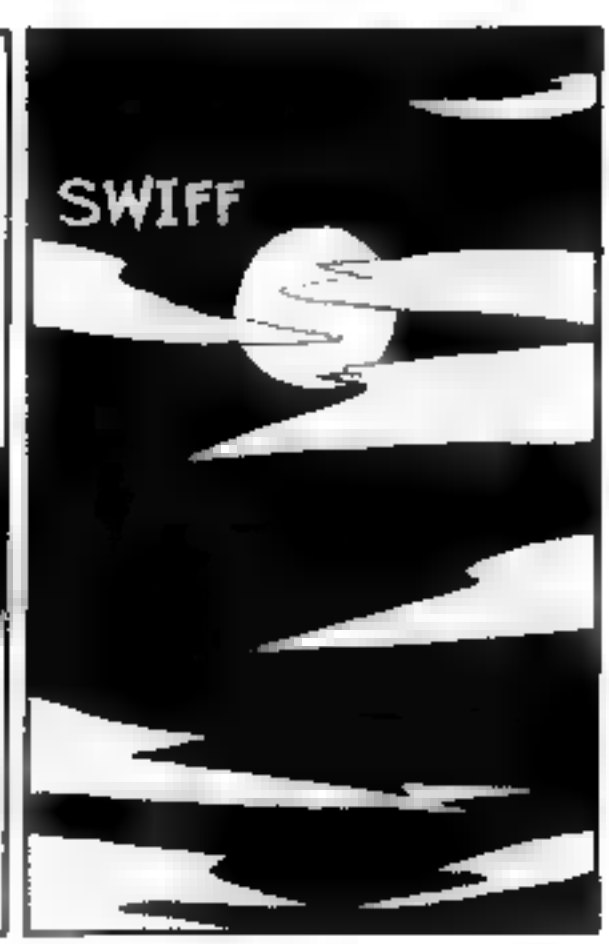

SO PLEASE CALMLY LISTEN TO ME.
PEER
BUT I'M NOT INTENDING TO HARM YOU.

IF YOU SEE ME, I THINK YOU'LL [redacted] SURPRISED.
UM...

WHOA!? WHEN DID YOU GET BEHIND ME!?
!?
CREEP
I KNEW YOU WOULD COME TO ME SINCE 500 YEARS AGO, ZAN AMARU-KUN.

SWIFF
I'M INATIKA AKITANI.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M BETTER KNOWN AS...


SWIFF

THIS THING HAS A HORN
!!!
WHO OAA AA!?

I KNEW THAT YOU WERE THE SWORDFISH KNIGHT.

N-NO! IT'S FINE, SORRY ABOUT THAT!

I'M A SWORDFISH, SO...

SQUIRM

I-I'M VERY SORRY!

IT'S JUST THAT SEEING IT IN PERSON IS QUITE A SURPRISE!

RUSTLE

OMNISCIENT - ONE HAVING TOTAL OR COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE. IN CASE YOU ALREADY FORGOT :) -SANO-

WHO LOST MOST OF HIS SUPERNATURAL POWERS AND IS LEFT WITH VERY LITTLE PRECOGNITION AND PSYCHIC POWERS.

COMING TO A PERSON LIKE MYSELF,

SQUIRM

YOU'RE VERY MISFORTUNATE, YOU KNOW.

IN ADDITION TO THAT, I'M DOOMED TO DIE WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH.

PRECOG-NITION ESPECIALLY.

I DISAGREE... I BELIEVE THAT 'THAT' IS A VERY UNIQUE ABILITY.

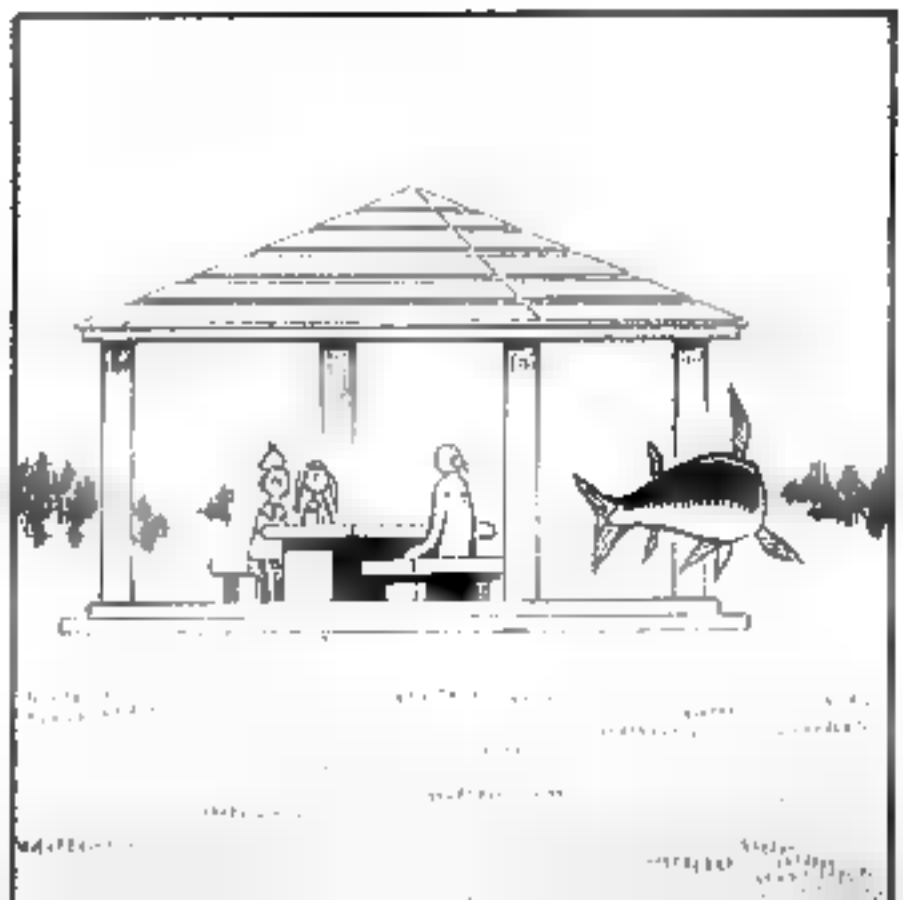
SCRIBBLE

SCRIBBLE

EEEEH!? I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW THAT!!

SO THERE A CUSTOMER ASKED,

THE TRADER SAID, "THIS IS A SPEAR THAT CAN PENETRATE ANY SHIELD, AND THIS IS A SHIELD THAT DOES NOT LET A SPEAR PASS THROUGH."



IF THE SPEAR AND SHIELD AREN'T OPPOSING EACH OTHER, THE WARRIOR MAY REMAIN THE STRONGEST.

BUT WHAT IF A WARRIOR WERE TO POSSESS SUCH ITEMS?

I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE POINT...

IT'S CALLED "HYPOCRISY," RIGHT?

I KNOW ABOUT THAT MASTER.

"SO WHAT HAPPENS IF I LUNGE AT THAT SHIELD USING YOUR SPEAR?"

CORRECT

THIS SMALL CHAT WON'T SAVE THE WORLD, YOU KNOW.

HEY MASTER, CAN YOU PLEASE JUST TEACH THEM SOME FIGHTING SKILLS, WOULD YOU?

THAT WARRIOR WILL ONLY BE "ONE STRONG PERSON."

WHEN THE SHIELD AND SPEAR BECOME AN INVINCIBLE ASPECT TO THE WARRIOR,

THAT IS THE WARRIOR.

LIKE THIS?

I AM TEACHING THEM. HOLD EACH OTHER'S HANDS, YOU TWO.

IF YOU WORK TOGETHER YOU CAN BE AN INVINCIBLE SHIELD AND AN INVINCIBLE SPEAR.

WHENEVER YOU'RE IN TROUBLE YOU MUST WORK TOGETHER AS ONE.

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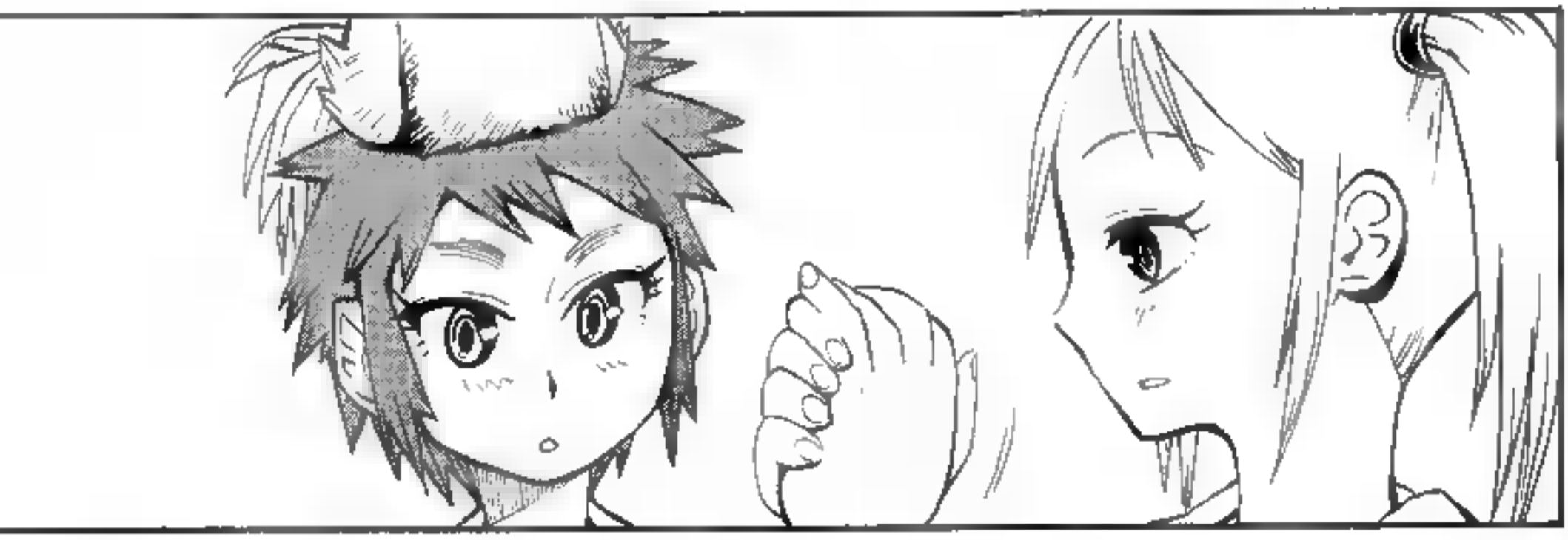
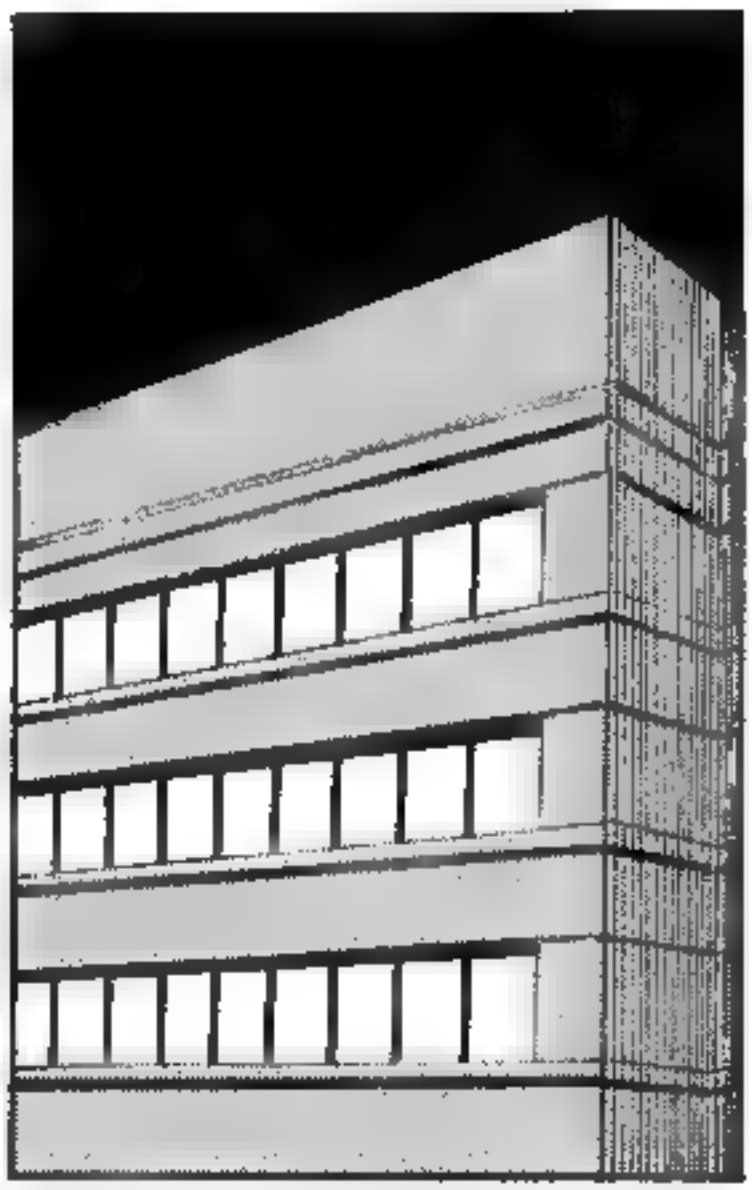


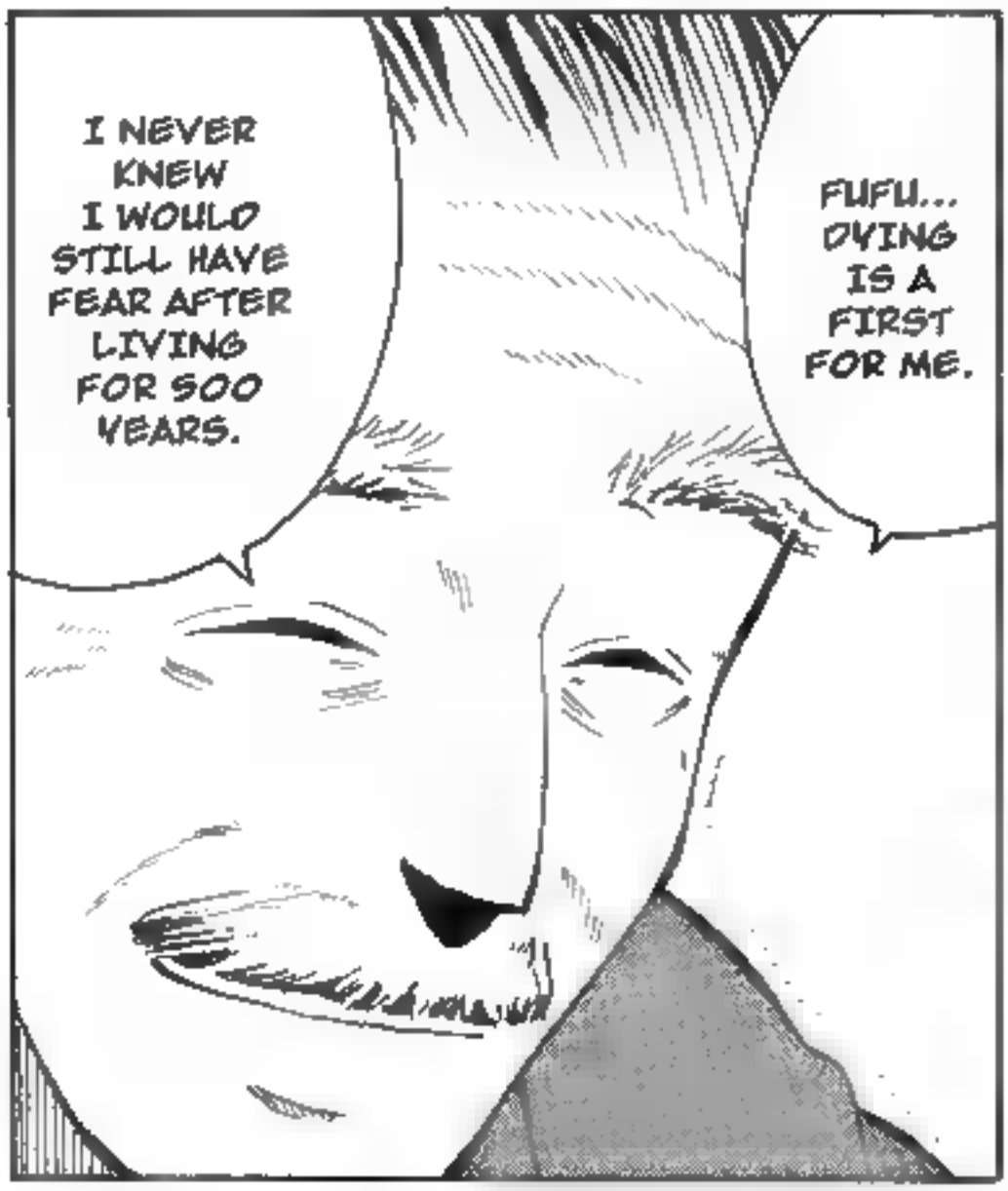
I DO NOT INTEND TO HAVE THEM AVOID THE BATTLE WITH THE MUD DOLL.

THE TIME HAS COME. TOMORROW, MY 500 YEARS WILL COME TO AN END.

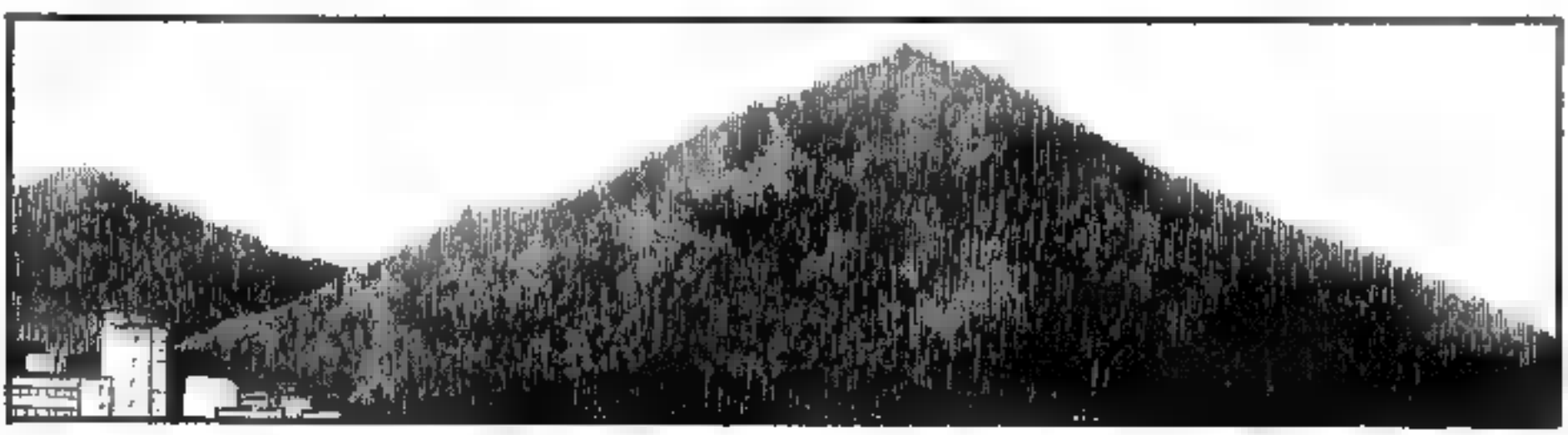


DREAMING TOGETHER, FIGHTING TOGETHER,

OUR AGES ARE DIFFERENT BUT OUR SOULS ARE EQUAL.

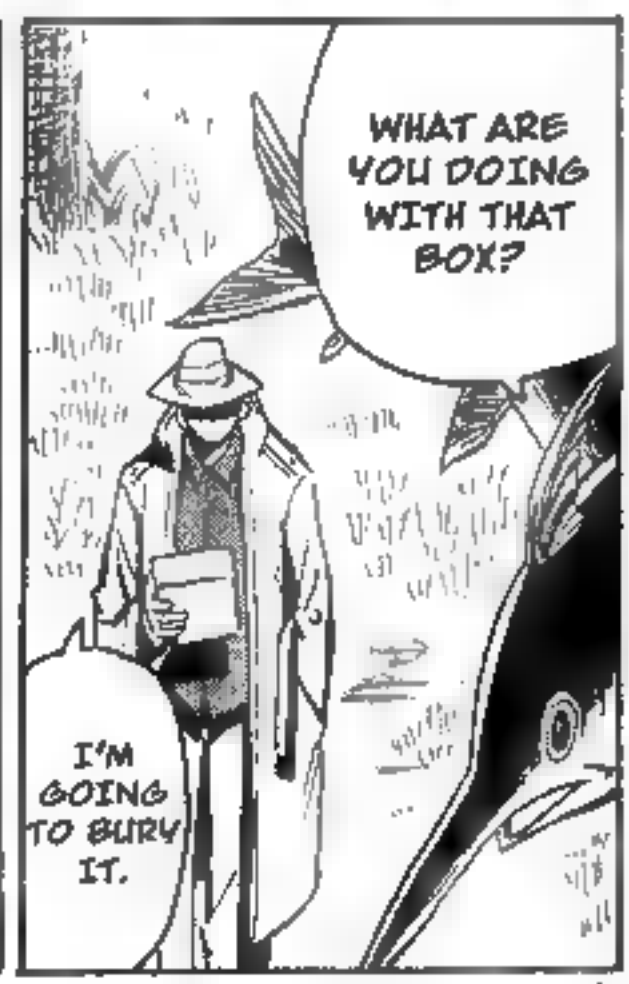

I NEVER KNEW I WOULD STILL HAVE FEAR AFTER LIVING FOR 500 YEARS.
FUFU... DYING IS A FIRST FOR ME.

I WILL TEACH THE TWO A LESSON OF DEATH.
WITH MY BODY,



I SWAPPED THE BOX WITH DIRT.
WHAT DID YOU DO JUST NOW?
SWOOSH

DROP


WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT BOX?
I'M GOING TO BURY IT.

YOU SHOULD ASK YOUR SOUL.

THE MEANING OF THIS,

I NOW LEAVE EVERY-THING TO YOU.

AMAMIYA-KUN

IT LIES IN THE TRUTH TOLD BY THE HEART.

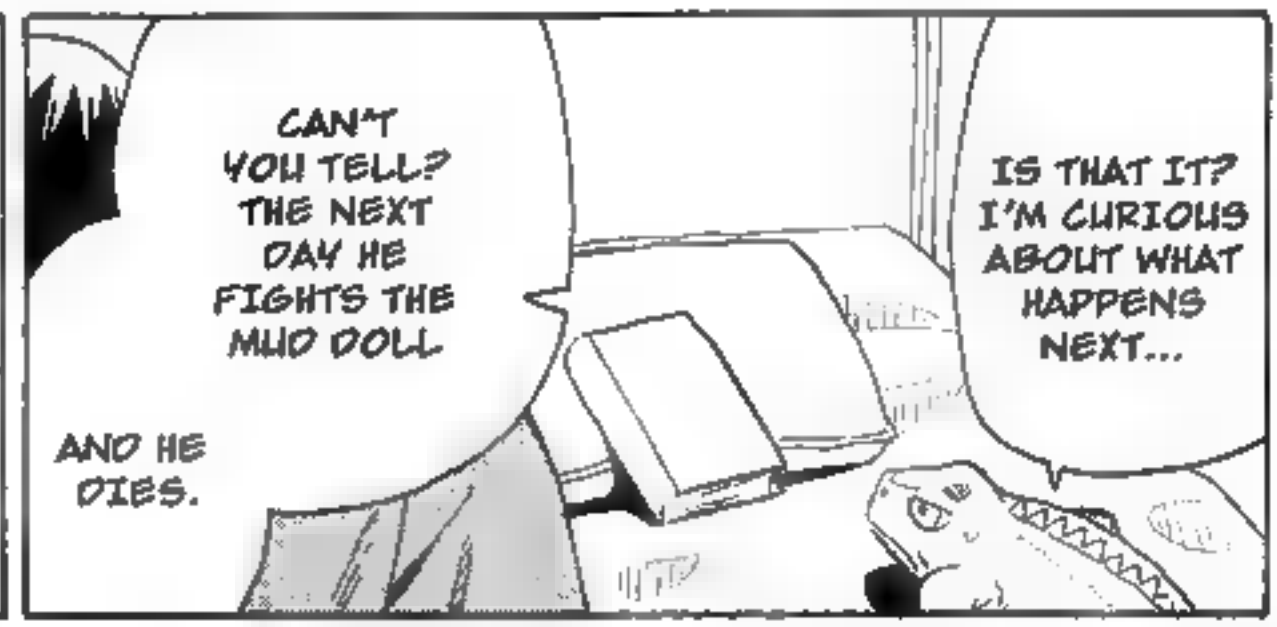
DOESN'T LIE IN THE TRUTH OF KNOWING EVERYTHING.

THE ANSWER

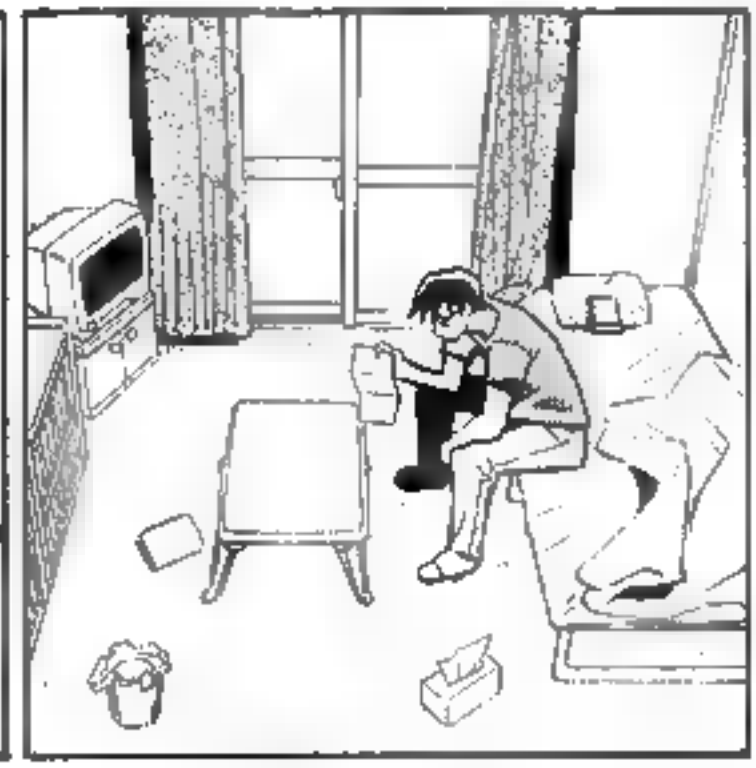
A PSYCHIC WHO LIVED FOR 500 YEARS, HUH?

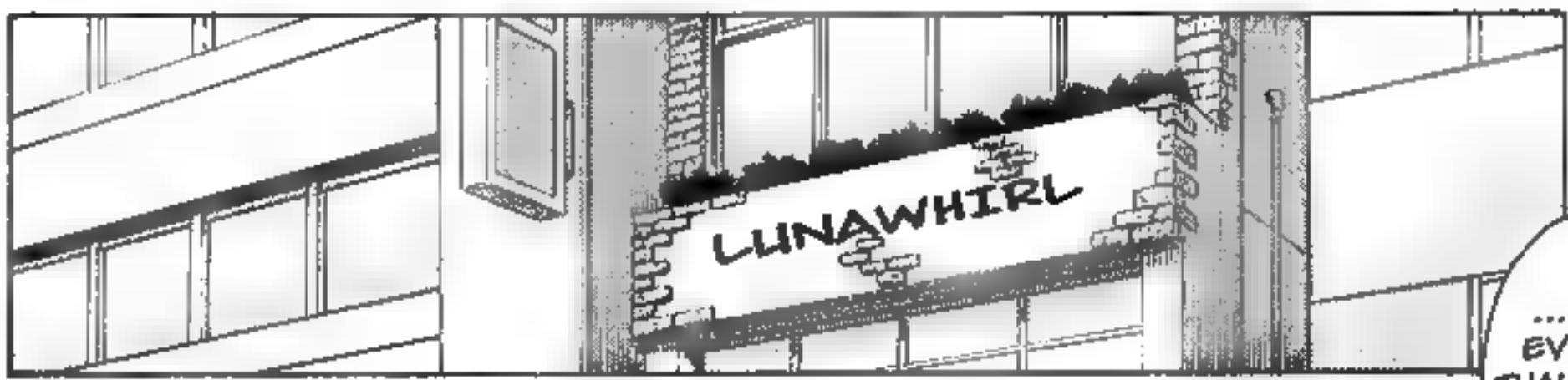
.....

....THAT'S RIGHT.


CAN'T YOU TELL? THE NEXT DAY HE FIGHTS THE MUD DOLL
AND HE DIES.
IS THAT IT? I'M CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

THE ANIMA IS COUNTING ON YOU.




LUNAWHIRL

...SO EVEN-TUALLY...
OH, BUT IN 3RD GRADE YUKI WAS TAUGHT KARATE AND SHE MADE AN OLDER BOY CRY,
BUT AS FOR ME... I'M NOT GOOD AT ATHLETICS.
SIP
IT WAS LIKE THIS EVERY TIME WE MET HIM AND WE WERE NEVER REALLY TAUGHT ANY SPECIFIC FIGHTING TECHNIQUES.

SHE PROTECTED ME A LOT.

CHUCKLE

CHUCKLE

CHUCKLE

WOW, THAT TURTLE GIRL? SHE LOOKS SO SLOW THOUGH....

HE WORE A DIFFERENT HAT THAT DAY.

ONE DAY WHEN WE WALKED BACK FROM SCHOOL,

....AND THEN?

GACHANG

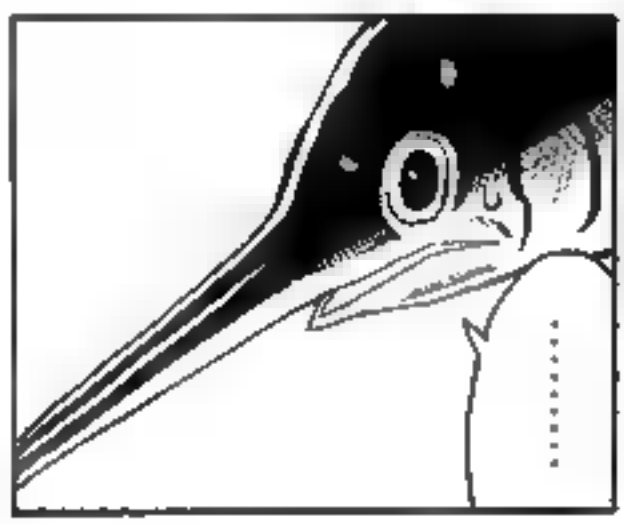
LOOK

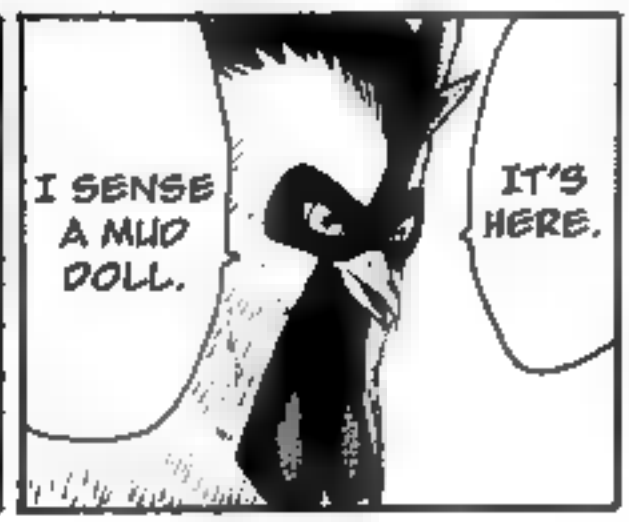
YOU TWO, TODAY WILL BE A SPECIAL LESSON.

?

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHA....





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LET'S GO.

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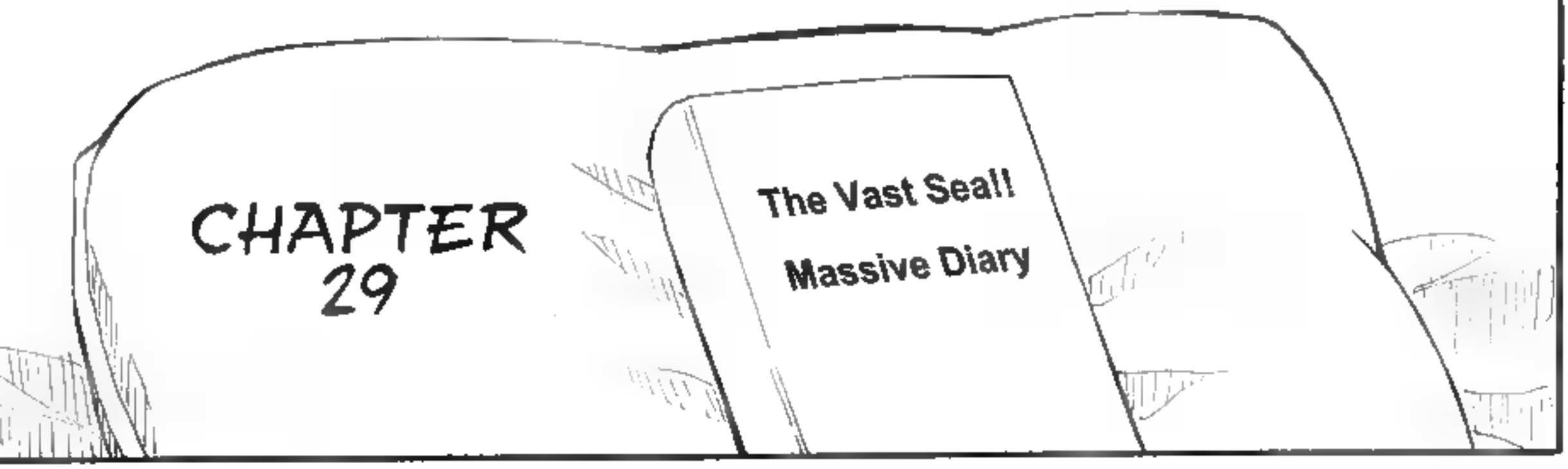
The Vast Seal!
Massive Diary

OUR MASTER LOOKED DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE.
THAT DAY WHEN WE WERE WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL,

HE SENSED A GOLEM NEARBY ....

WENT TO DO BATTLE.
AND SO THE MASTER, YUKI, AND I,

CHAPTER 29 INATIKA AKITANI (SECOND PART)

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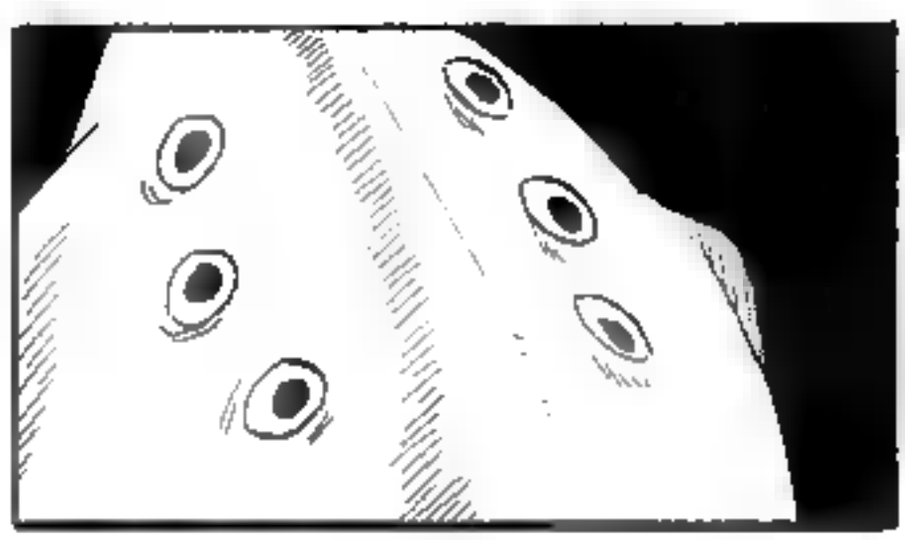
SUBARU CALM DOWN.
STEADY YOUR BREATH.
...A GOLEM, HUH ....
HAAA ....
HAAA ....
T- THAT'S A....

STOMP

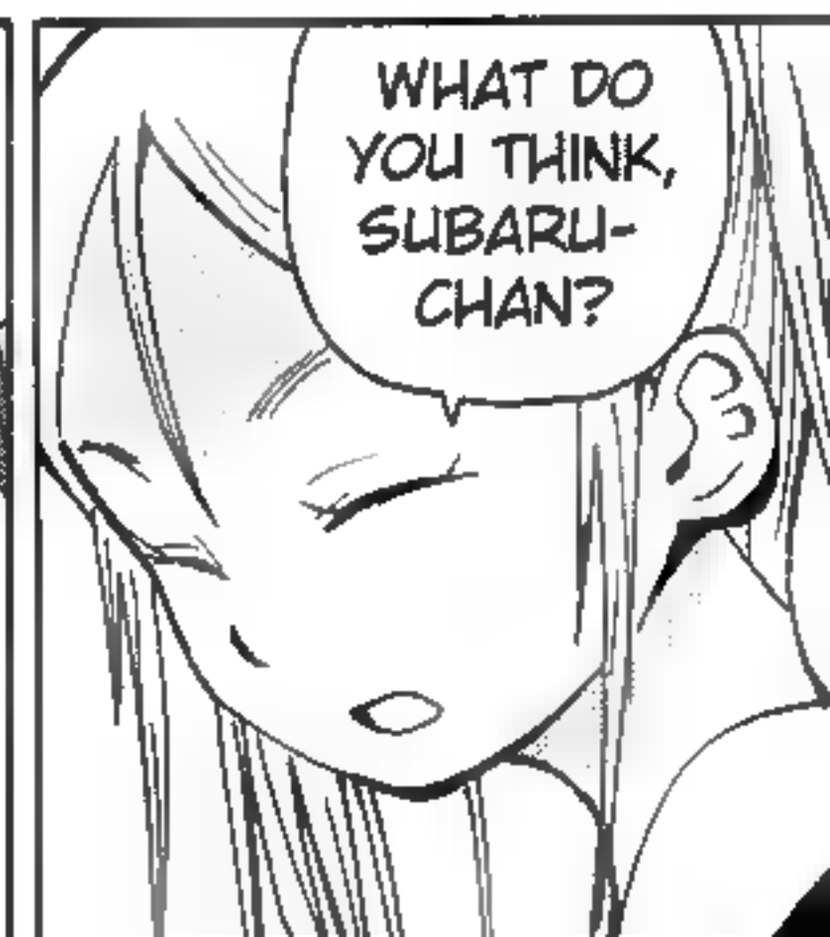
FLINCH



IT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY POWER IN ITS ARMS AND LEGS.
ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS MUCH STIFFER THAN I THOUGHT....IT'S SLOW...

LET'S DO SO THEN.

I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP OUR DISTANCE AND OB-SERVE A LITTLE.
EH? UH .....

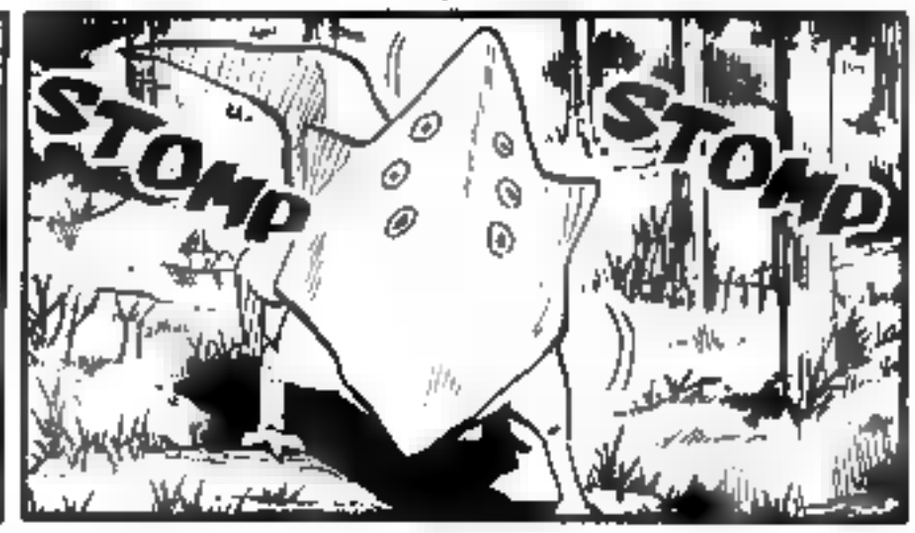

WHAT DO YOU THINK, SUBARU-CHAN?

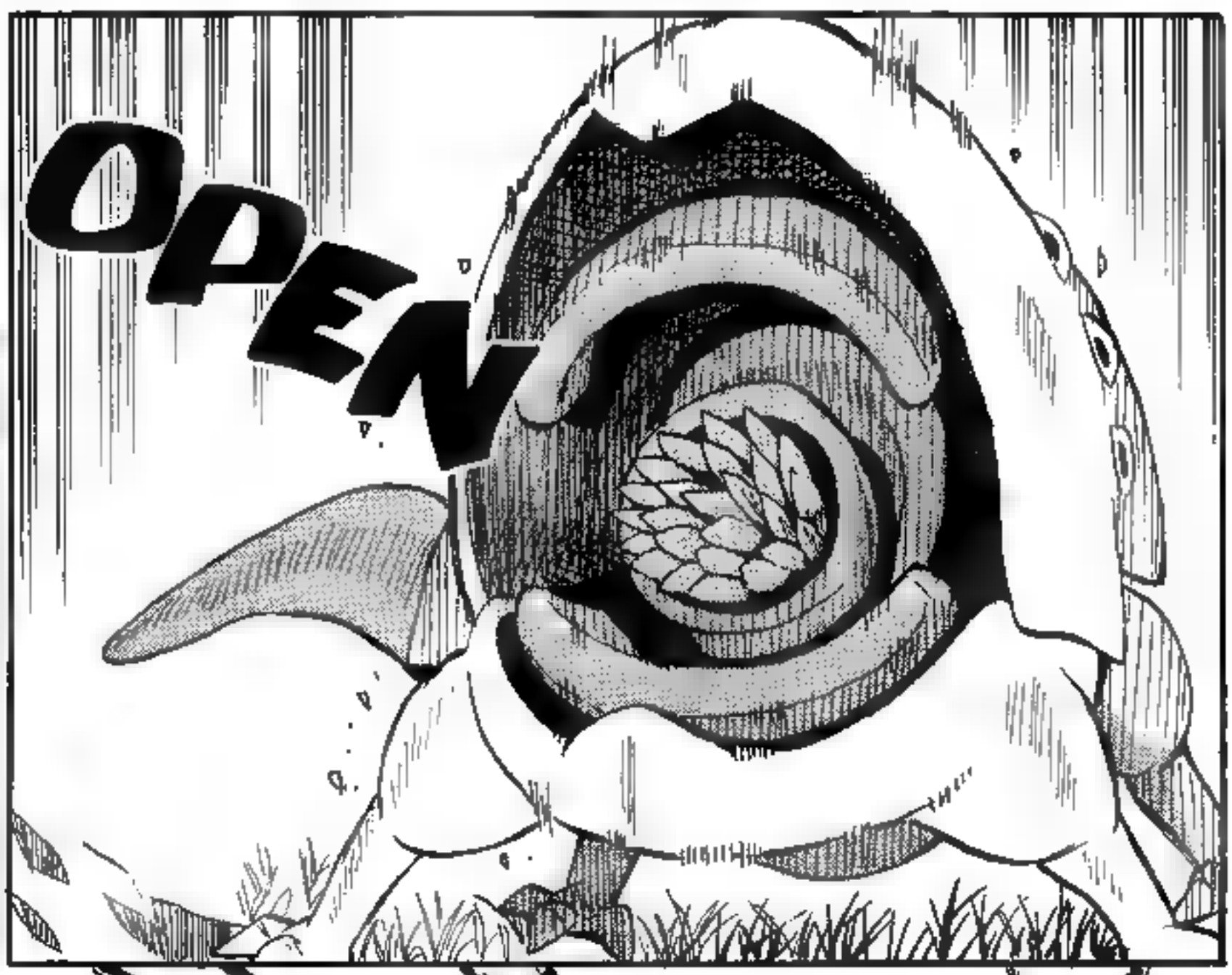
IN THAT CASE, I WANT THOSE TWO TO HAVE SOME FIGHTING EXPERIENCE UNDER THEIR BELT.

MY PRECOG-NITION TELLS ME THAT THESE TWO WILL BE FINE...

NO...I NEED TO SHOW THEM HOW IT ATTACKS. THAT WAY I WON'T HAVE AN IMMEDIATE DEATH...

THEN DOES MY ROLE END HERE ...?



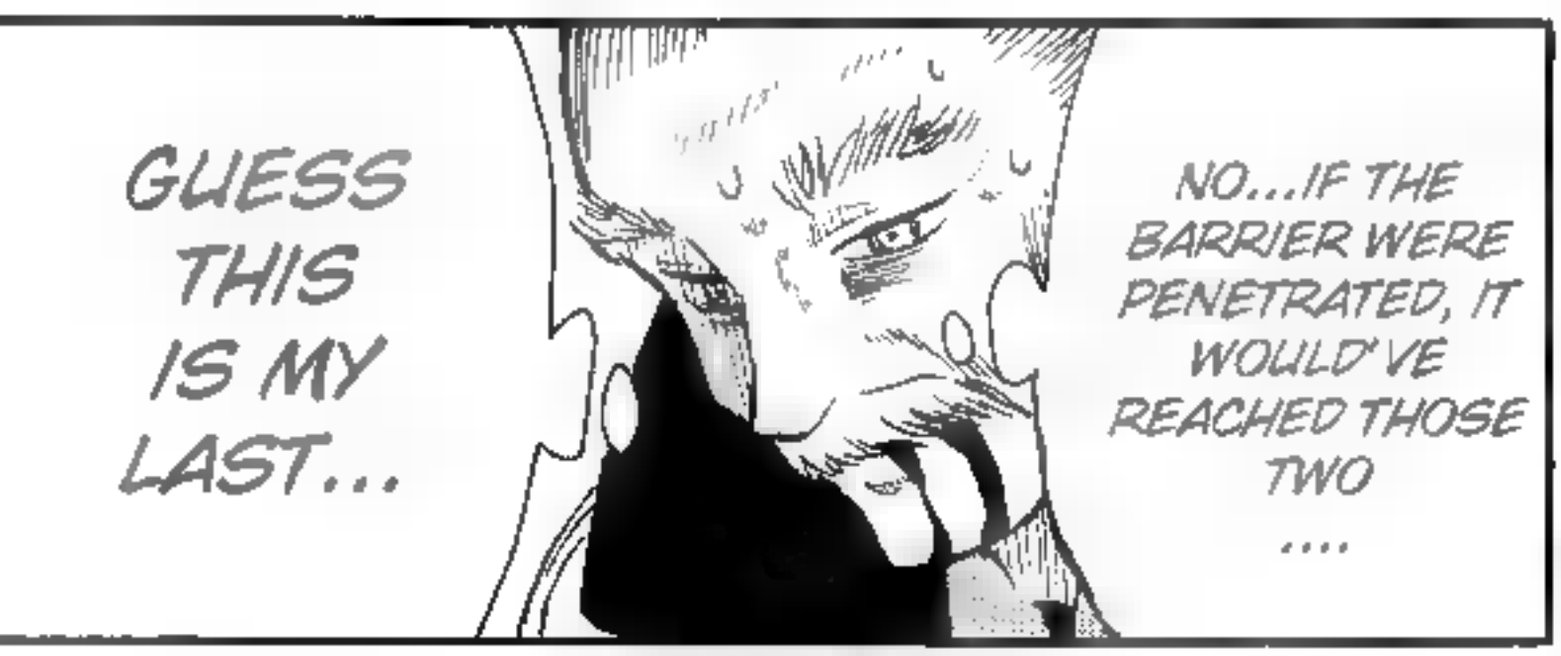


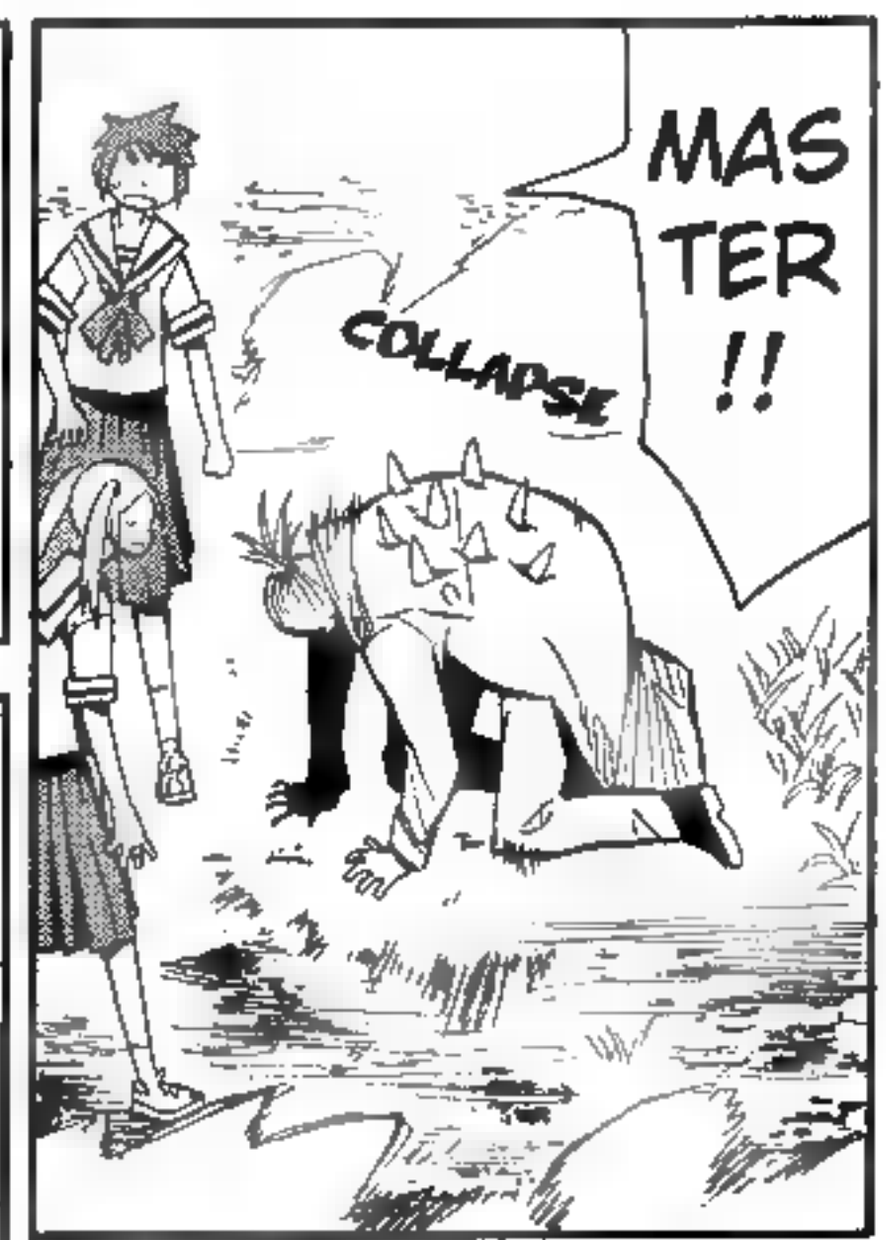
WILL IT STOP!?

STEP

BOM

IT PENETRATED MY PSYCHIC BARRIER!?


GUESS THIS IS MY LAST...
NO...IF THE BARRIER WERE PENETRATED, IT WOULD'VE REACHED THOSE TWO ....


MASTER !!
COLLAPSE

MASTER ....!!

ARE YOU OK !?
MAS-TER! HANG ON!

IT'S A LITTLE TOO SUDDEN.
SO I'M GOING TO DIE LIKE THIS...

THAT'S WHY....
YEAH... I'M FINE... BUT I CAN'T FIGHT ANYMORE ..

..YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT?
I WANT THE TWO OF YOU TO FIGHT.

ROGER !!
R-....
T- THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...

EH, UM.... HOW ABOUT WE USE THE TREES AS SHIELDS AND GO AROUND...

SUBARU-CHAN, THINK! HOW CAN WE...

LET'S GO!!

YUKI !?

MASTER, HIDE!!

THIS IS A BATTLE FOR THE FUTURE... THOSE TWO ARE INVOLVED.

PANT ...

PANT ...

LETTING THOSE TWO FIGHT LIKE THAT...

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!

THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR FUTURE.

WHAT'S AN ADULT'S EGO TO DO FROM KEEPING CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE TRUTH?

AND LETTING THEM ROAM ABOUT LIKE THAT IS ...

BUT... BRING-ING THEM TO A SCENE OF DEATH

THAT WILL TEACH THEM DEATH.

AREN'T YOU JUST SHOW-ING OFF A CORPSE !?

THEN... THEN WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY BE TEACH-ING THESE CHILDREN!?

YOU'RE WRONG !!

YOU CAN STILL STAND !!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TEACH THEM!!

WITHOUT REGRET AND LAUGHING AT DEATH!!

STRIVING AND LIVING TILL THE LAST MOMENT IS THE ESSENCE OF LIFE!!

YOU... SHOULD BE ABLE TO STAND!!

DYING EASILY IS A SIN, HUH ....

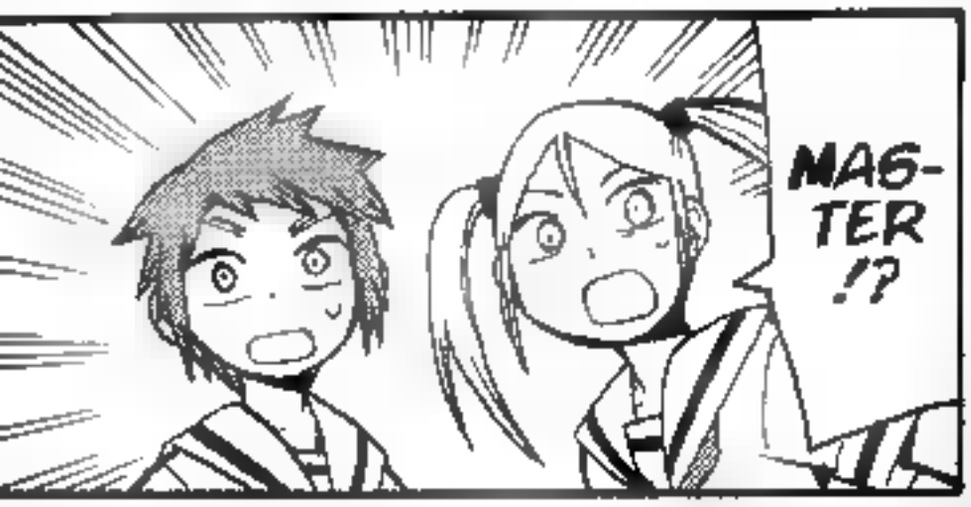
MY MY ...

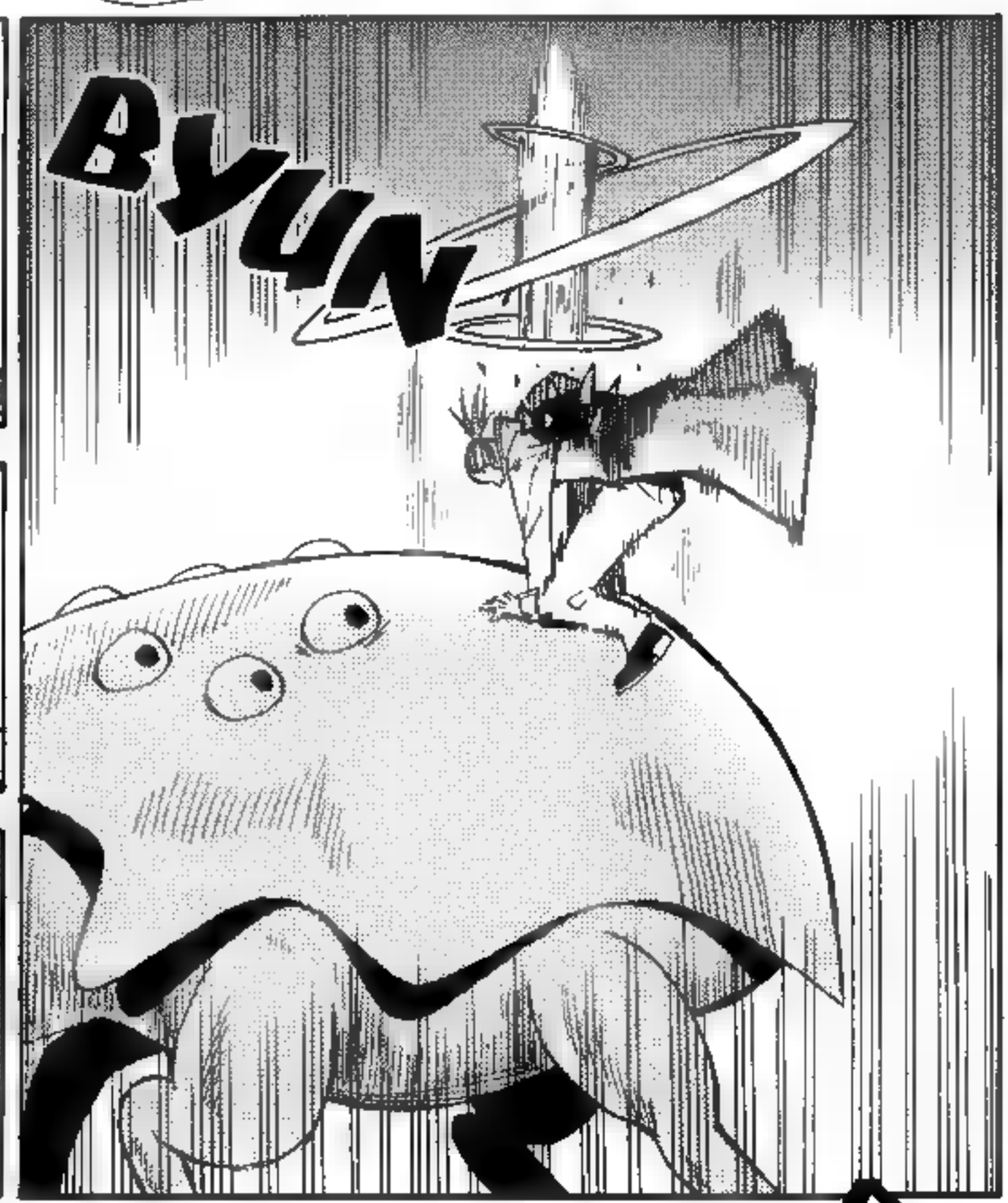
I'LL USE UP....THE REMAINING SCRAPS LEFT OF MY SOUL....

... THEN WATCH, ZAN-KUN.

HE CAN DO SUCH A THING ...?

TELE-POR-TATION !?





HEAV-
ENLY
JEW-
ELLED
SPEAR!!

EEE EEE EE

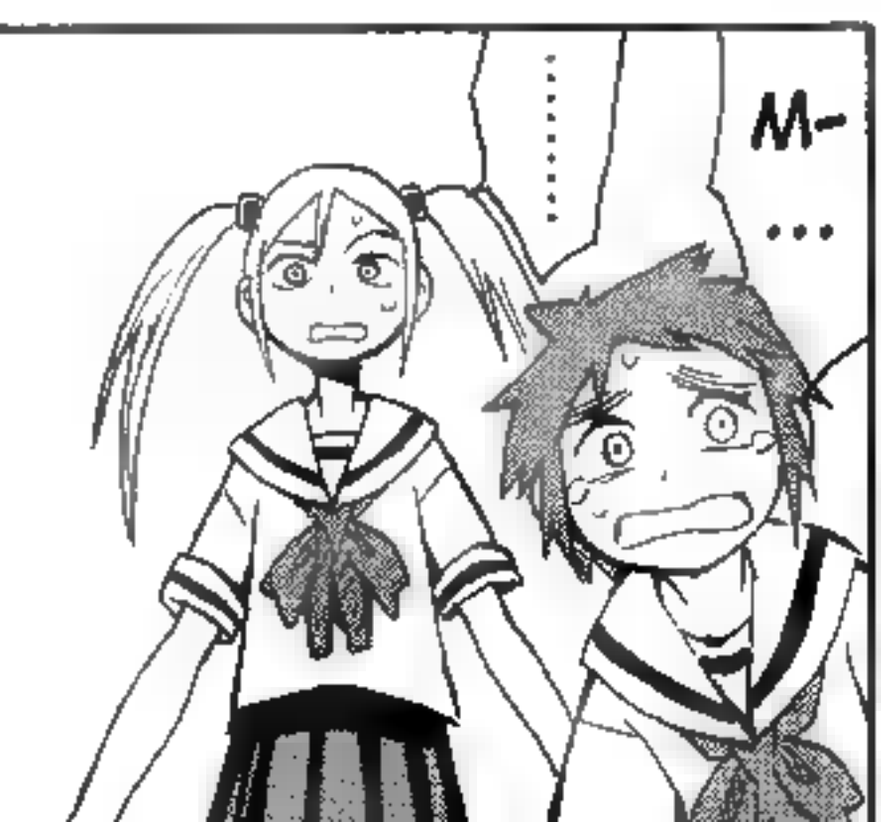
GI-Y-EEE EEE EE

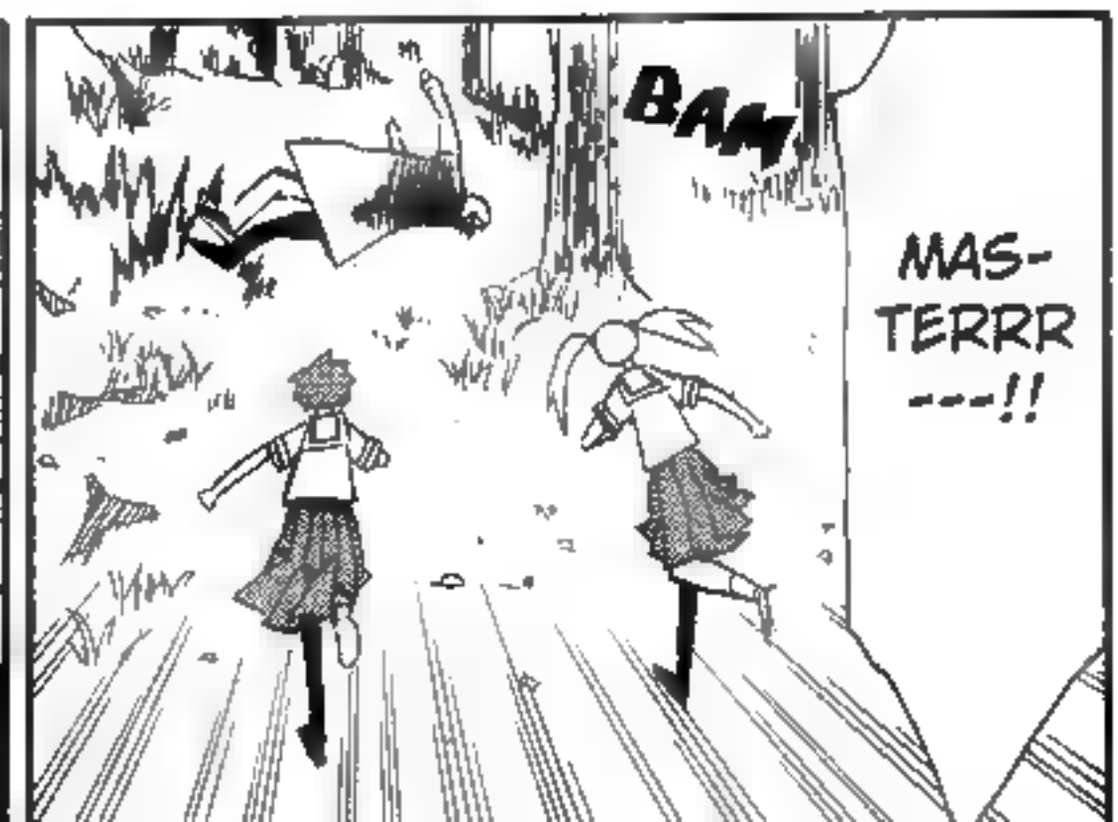
KICHIJIRO, ICHIZO, MUTSUGI, SHIRO, SUBARU, YUKIMACHI,

TAKE, GON, RIN, RYO, SHINSA, NANAJI, KYO,

RIGHT?

THIS IS OK





NOW... IT'S YOUR TURN...

WAKE

SUBARU.. YUKIMACHI ... DID YOU SEE THAT?

THERE'S BLOOD... NO....

!!

YOU TWO... CAN WIN.

TAKE EACH OTHER'S HAND AND BECOME THE SPEAR...BE COME THE SHIELD.

IF THE SPEAR AND SHIELD ARE ONE TO-GETHER, THEY WON'T CONTRADICT ...

THE GOLEM'S STILL ...

SUBA RU-- CHAN LET'S FIGHT.

BUT MASTER IS..

WAKE

PUNCH

SHAKE

...!

SUBARU! YOU GOTTA DO IT!

AH ....

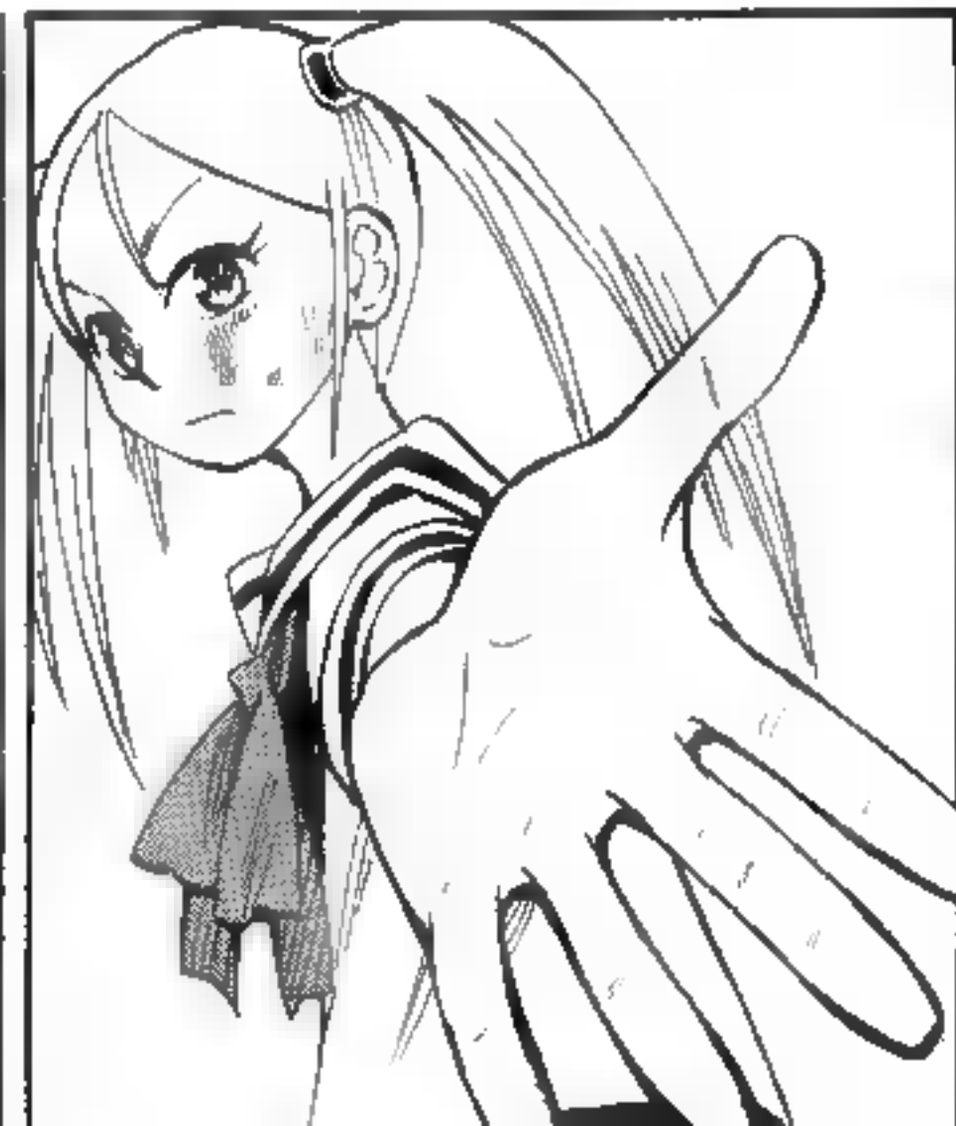
SHIVER SHIVER

OW WW W

FLINCH

YUKI !?

SMACK



BLAST
GRIP FIELD...
WE'LL SHIELD IT TOGETHER, SUBARU-CHAN!!
THE INVIN-CIBLE SHIELD !!

ROGER !!

YUKI!! LET'S "HIT IT WITH THIS SHIELD"!!

UWA AAAA A

THE ULTI-MATE SPEAR !!
BLAST
BLAM

COME OVER HERE ...

WAIT ...

I'LL GET SOME-ONE!!

DID YOU SEE!? [redacted] WON! SO PLEASE, DON'T DIE.

MAS-TER !!

.....

.....

YES.

PROTECT SUBARU, OKAY?

YUKI-MACHI... YOU'RE A STRONG CHILD.

MAS-TERRR .....

UNDER-STAND YUKI-MACHI'S WEAK-NESSES, GOT IT?

SUBARU .... YOU'RE A PERCEPTIVE CHILD.

I'VE LIVED FOR 500 YEARS...

.....

HOWEVER.... I FELT HAPPINESS, SADNESS, STRENGTH AND WEAK-NESSES.

...AND THAT MADE ME A NORMAL HUMAN BEING..

I KNEW EVERYTHING AND I WAS ABLE TO DO ANYTHING I PLEASED..

HE... PROBABLY IS THE SAME AS US...

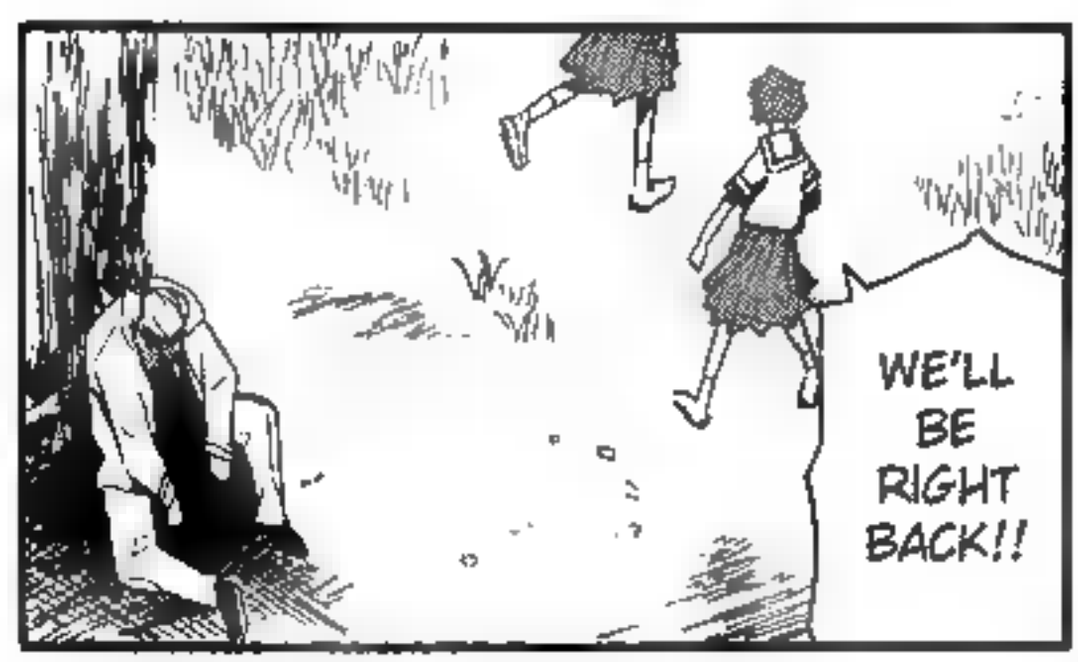
TELL THIS TO THE MAGICIAN.

WHETHER YOU HAVE SUPER POWERS OR NOT....YOU'RE STILL BUT A HUMAN...

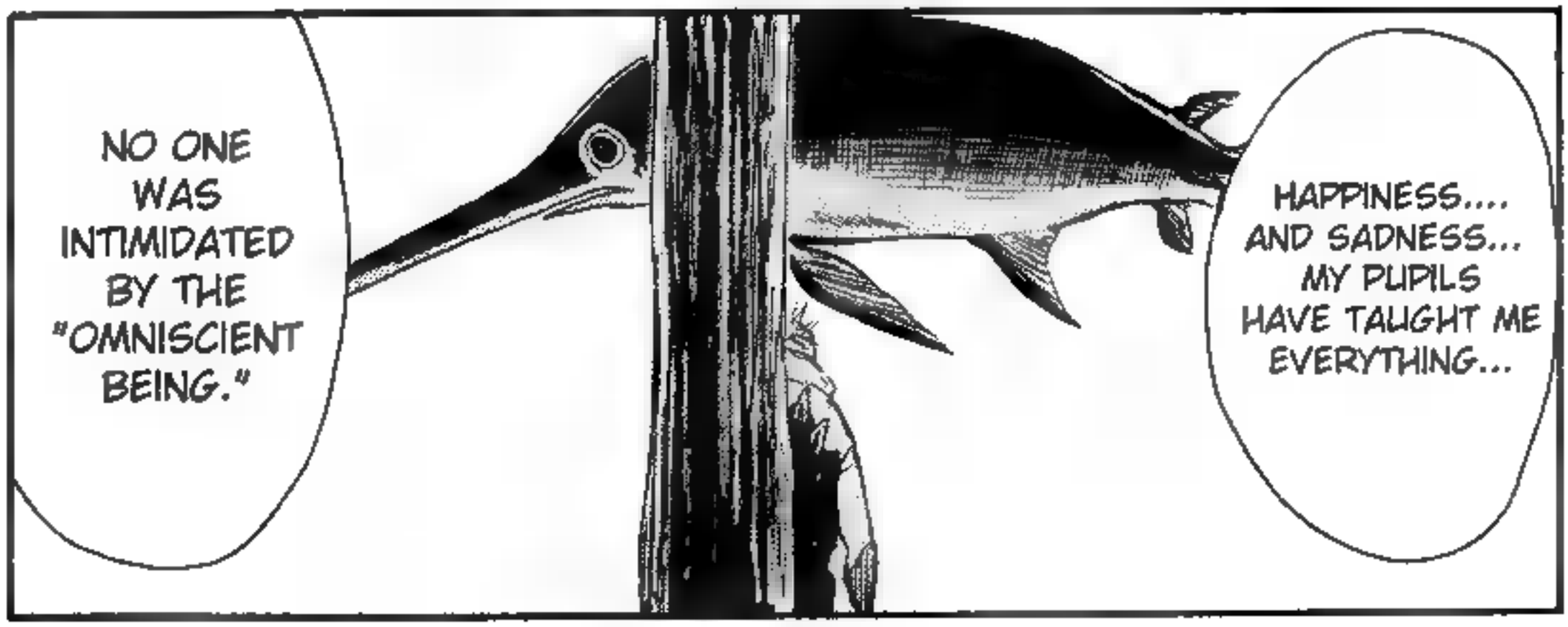
SAME GOES FOR THE TWO OF YOU...

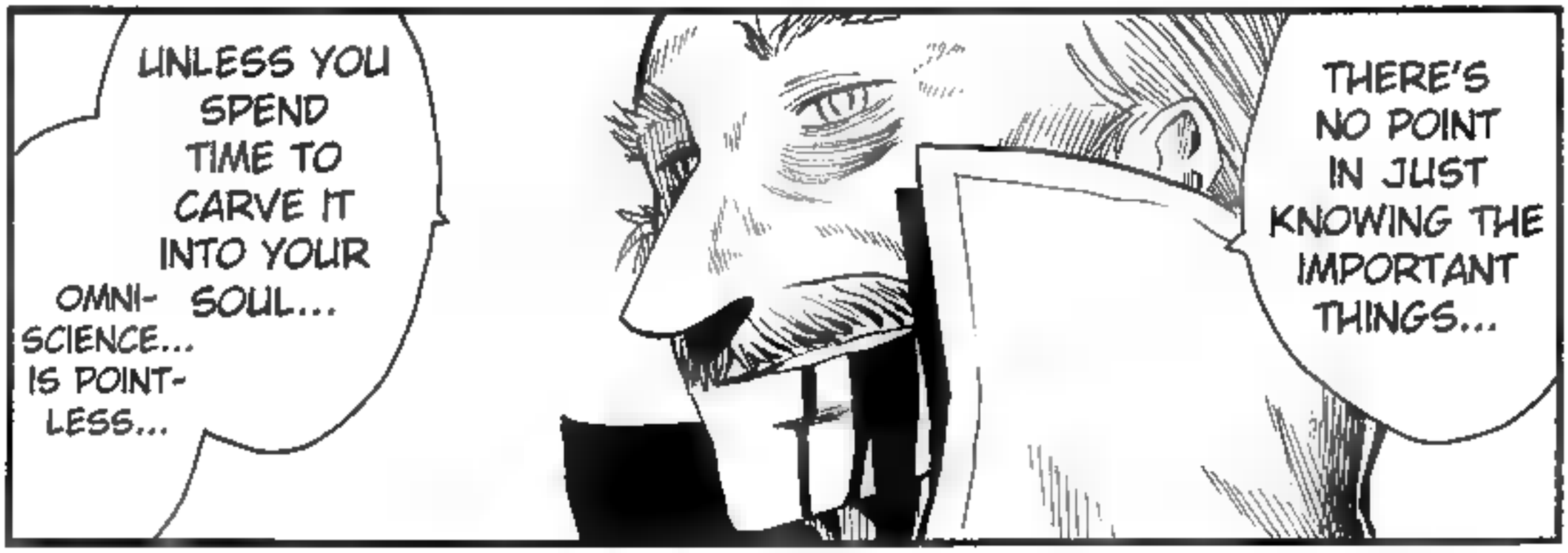
JUST MERE HUMAN BEINGS...

WE ARE HUMAN...



THERE'S NOTHING MORE THAN DYING BEFORE MY CHILDREN DO.
....MY WISH HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED...
USE IT NOW AND YOU CAN STILL RECOV-ER...
PLEASE USE YOUR CONTRACT WISH.


NO ONE WAS INTIMIDATED BY THE "OMNISCIENT BEING."
HAPPINESS.... AND SADNESS... MY PUPILS HAVE TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING...


UNLESS YOU SPEND TIME TO CARVE IT INTO YOUR SOUL...
OMNI-SCIENCE... IS POINT-LESS...
THERE'S NO POINT IN JUST KNOWING THE IMPORTANT THINGS...

CAN YOU SEE IT....?
ZAN-KUN...

HEADING TO THE FUTURE BEYOND ME.... RUNNING...

LOOK.... THE CHILDREN ARE MOVING... AHEAD...

HOW... RELIA... BLE...

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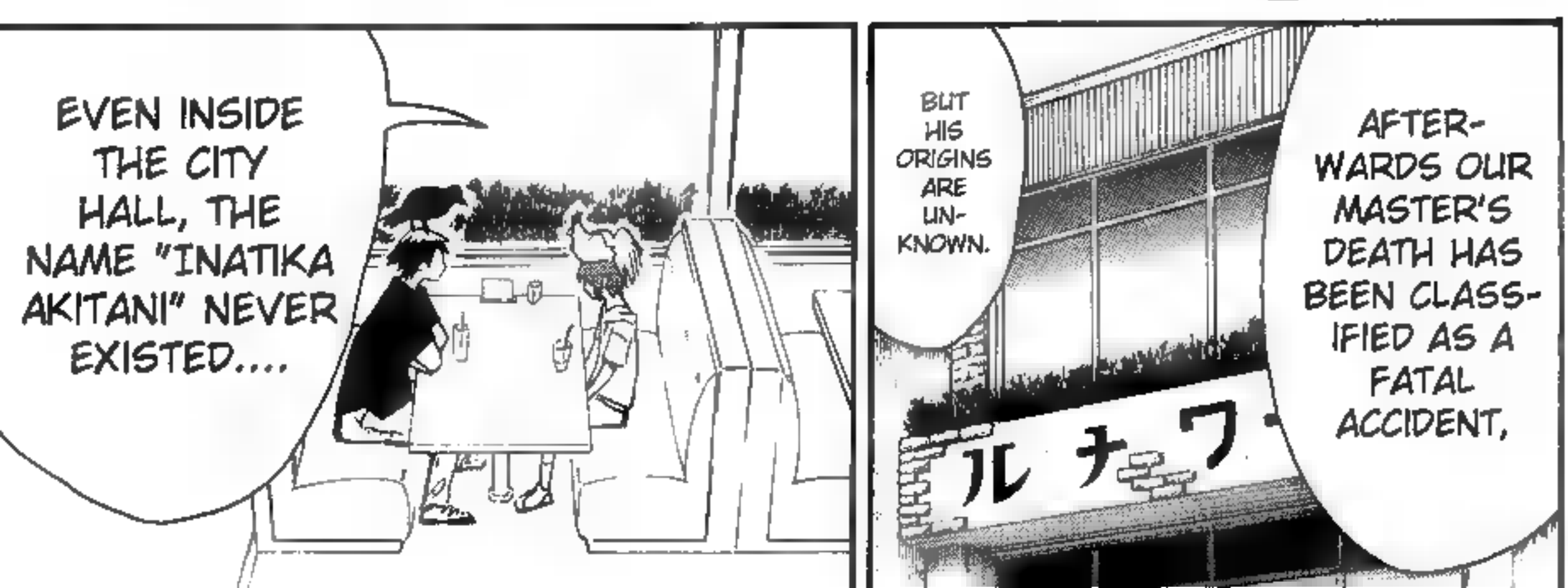
SE.... NA....

AND I KNEW, "HE'S... MOVED ON NOW...."

BY THE TIME WE CAME BACK ZAN WAS ALREADY GONE....



HE WAS *REALLY* ***REALLY*** AWESOME !!

OUR MASTER ....

HELLO?
SORRY, HOLD ON.

RING RING
CLING CLING

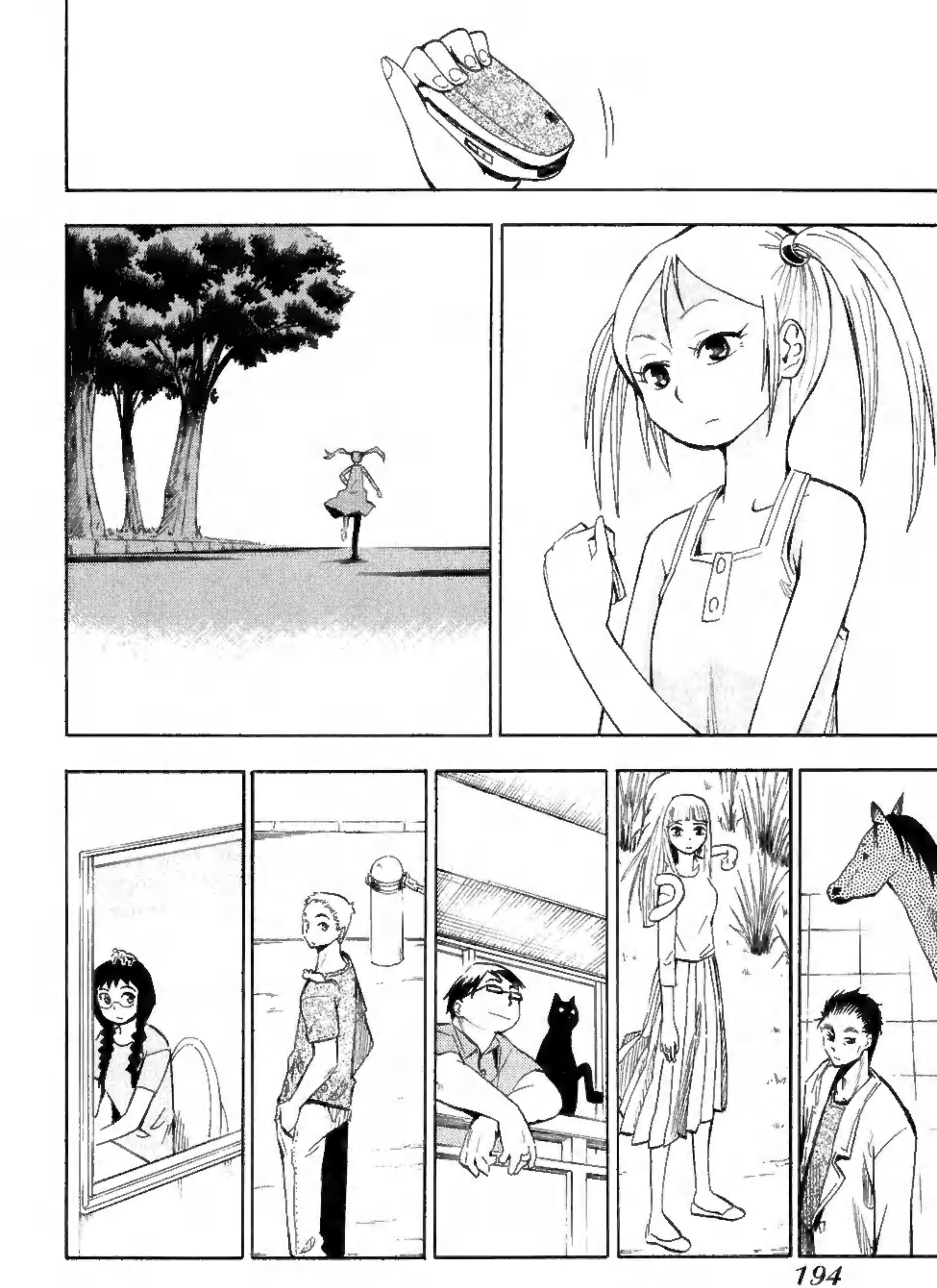
MHMM... YEAH....
...I'M FINE, DON'T WORRY.
OK....
HE'S NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON.
RIGHT NOW? I'M WITH SHINO-NOME-SAN.

SURE.
CAN WE MEET UP WITH YUKI?

WHAT THE...
"HE'S NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON" ...?

I SEE...

...SHE'S STRONG EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO BATTLES,
BUT SHE'S A LITTLE OVERPRO-TECTIVE.



END OF JULY

ARE YOU READY TO LEAVE?

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